

(c) whether Government have a proposal for the introduction of some additional passenger trains in Orissa ; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in the matter ?

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHOU-DHURY) :** (a) to (d). There are no specific proposals for introduction of long distance mail/express trains at present. However, various demands for introduction of new trains on Indian Railways are pending and new demands are pouring in. Such of the proposals which are operationally feasible and justified shall be considered subject to availability of resources.

#### Strike By Chemist Shops

3197. **SHRI K.A. RAJAN :** Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state :

(a) whether Chemist shops all over the country went on strike on 16 January, 1984 ;

(b) if so, details of their demands ; and

(c) the steps taken to meet their demands ?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI KUMUD BEN M. JOSHI) :** (a) Yes.

(b) Their main demands were rationalisation of levies and duties on drugs and medicines.

(c) The concerned Ministries, viz., Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) and the Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers are taking action in the matter.

#### Iran-Iraq War

3198. **SHRI G.Y. KRISHNAN :** Will the Minister of **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS** be pleased to state :

(a) whether any request has been received by Indian Government to bring together Iran and Iraq, and stop the war ; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Indian Government in this regard ?

**THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO) :** (a) and (b). Following the appeal made at the Seventh Non-aligned Summit to both Iran and Iraq to bring an immediate end to the war, the Government has been in touch with both these countries with a view to pursuing efforts in this direction. I had discussed this question with the leaders of the two countries when I visited Iran in July, 1983 and Iraq in September, 1983. In October last year, I again met the Iranian Foreign Minister in New York during the 38th Session of the UNGA.

The Prime Minister has also, on several occasions, conveyed to the leadership of both the countries the concern of the Government of India and the Non-aligned Movement at the continuing conflict and reiterated the views expressed at the New Delhi Non-aligned Summit that the fighting should stop at once. In recent messages that she addressed to the Presidents of both Iran and Iraq, sent in the wake of the fresh fighting between the two countries ; the Prime Minister appealed to the two Presidents to take simultaneous measures to contain the conflict and not make town and civilian population targets of attacks.

#### Proper safeguards at Unmanned Railway Crossing to prevent Accidents

3199. **SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA :**  
**SHRI VIRDA RAM PHULWARIYA :**

Will the Minister of **RAILWAYS** be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of unmanned railway crossings in each railway zone as at present ;

(b) whether these present a serious hazard and result in hundreds of lives being lost and several injured every year ;

(c) number of persons killed and injured, zone-wise, during each of the past 3 years in railway crossing accidents ; and

(d) what steps have been taken during these years and are being taken to provide proper safeguards at these level crossings ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHOU-DHURY) : (a) As on 31st March, 1983 Railway-wise figures of unmanned level crossings are approximately as under :—

Railway	Number
1	2
Central	1221
Eastern	756
Northern	3213

Railway	Year					
	1981-82		1982-83		1983-84 upto January, 84	
	Killed	Injured	Killed	Injured	Killed	Injured
Central	5	4	3	5	10	11
Eastern	—	—	—	—	—	—
Northern	6	18	13	11	18	37
N.E.	—	14	5	2	6	7
N.F.	—	6	—	6	—	7
Southern	1	—	2	1	11	63
South Central	67	48	5	12	4	13
South Eastern	2	5	—	5	2	8
Western	13	34	19	26	4	10

(d) Unmanned level crossings are generally provided where both rail and road traffic is low. Unmanned level crossings with adequate visibility on either side do not pose any safety hazard provided the road users are safety conscious and follow provisions of Motor Vehicle Act.

(c) The number of persons killed and injured railway-wise as a result of accidents at unmanned level crossings during the last 3 years is as under :—

(d) (i) The Railways undertake periodical census of road and rail traffic at all unmanned level crossings and proposals for manning are processed wherever justified. Also Railways have indentified unmanned level crossings where buses regularly ply and are potentially hazardous. The Railway has undertaken a

phased programme to man 1600 such potentially hazardous level crossings to be completed in 4 years. Out of these, 1200 level crossings will be manned totally at Railways cost and only for 400 level crossings State Governments will be asked to bear initial cost.

- (ii) The Railways are providing lifting barriers operated from cabins at the level crossings close to the cabins within the station yards on a phased programme.
- (iii) Stop Boards have been provided on the road approaches at all unmanned level crossings on either side of the level crossings as a warning to the road traffic.
- (iv) Whistle Boards have been fixed on the track warning the engine drivers to whistle and be cautious while approaching the unmanned level crossing.
- (v) The Ministry of Transport & Shipping have directed all State Governments to provide speed breakers at the approaches of unmanned level crossings.
- (vi) Surprise checks are being conducted in co-ordination with the State Governments to ensure compliance of safety rules by the road vehicles.
- (vii) Rules have been made by State Govts. under Motor Vehicle Act that road vehicle drivers should stop short of unmanned level crossings and cross the track with Conductor walking ahead.

#### Creation of 'Professor of Eminence'

3200. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the UGC has drawn up a scheme to create a new class of professors to be called as "Professor of Eminence"; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL) : (a) and (b). A proposal to institute positions of "Professors of Eminence" in Universities

approved as part of the revision of salary scales of teachers in Universities and Colleges with effect from 1.1.1973. The proposal envisages institution of 100 such positions at any given time in the Universities on a salary of Rs. 3000/- per month. Only serving Professors who have reached a very high level of academic distinction are expected to be nominated for these positions by the Universities. Committee appointed by the UGC for different groups of disciplines will make the selections. The UGC had invited nominations for consideration under the scheme, but no selection have so far been made.

#### "Blue Books" for Value Orientation of Teachers

3201. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Education has prepared a report called "Blue Book" for the value orientation of Teachers ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL) : (a) The Government of India has published a report entitled "Report of the Working Group to review Teachers Training Programme (in the light of the need for value-orientation)", which has a blue cover but is not called "Blue Book".

The main recommendations of the Working Group are given in the attached statement.

#### Statement

- (i) The curriculum relating to value-education and to the study of Indian culture, should be immediately implemented.
- (ii) The teachers' training institutions should offer three new papers related to (1) philosophy and (2) psychology of value-oriented education and (3) India and Indian values as optional papers