

skills and abilities which enable them to adapt themselves more effectively to the needs of a modern society with its rapidly changing technological environment.

(c) The 10:2 system of school education is based on the National Policy resolution (1968) which took into consideration the Education Commission's (1964-66) recommendations suggesting a change in the earlier system which permitted diversification into different streams at class IX. The policy of the Government of India is that diversification below Class X is not educationally desirable.

Misuse of Fund by State Government Earmarked for Social Welfare Measures

785. SHRI D.S.A. SIVAPRAKASAM : Will the Minister of SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether grants given to State Governments for several Social Welfare measures were diverted to other programmes by the State Governments concerned without consulting Social Welfare Board ;

(b) if so, names of such State Governments ; and

(c) what action Central Social Welfare Board has taken in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI P.K. THUNGON) :

(a) The Central Social Welfare Board does not give grants to the State Governments. It places the funds at the disposal of the State Social Welfare Advisory Boards.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Vacant Post of Chairman of Railway Service Commission

786. SHRI D.S.A. SIVAPRAKASAM : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) in how many Railway Service Commissions the post of Chairman remain vacant on this date ;

(b) when the vacancies arose and what was the cause of each vacancy ; and

(c) the reasons for keeping the vacancies unfilled so far ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY) : (a) All the posts of Chairman, Railway Service Commissions, have been filled either by persons selected by UPSC or by serving Railway Officers. No. post of Chairman, Railway Service Commission, is lying vacant.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Setting up of New Railway Service Commissions

787. SHRI ASHFAQ HUSSAIN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to set up new Railway Service Commissions ;

(b) if so, name the places wherein these offices are going to be opened with date from which they will start functioning ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) New Railway Service Commissions have been set up at