

ENGINEERS, DOCTORS AND EXPERTS
SETTLED ABROAD

5511. SHRI JUGAL MONDAL:
Will the Minister of EDUCATION
be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian engineers, doctors and scientific experts who have settled abroad; and

(b) the number of experts who leave for USA every year?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (DR. TRIGUNA SEN): (a) The number of Indian engineers, doctors and scientific personnel who became immigrants to United States of America in the fiscal year 1967 is reported to be 1425. Information regarding other advanced countries is not available.

(b) Information is not available.

CENTRAL, SCHOOLS IN WEST BENGAL

5512. SHRI JUGAL MONDAL:
Will the Minister of EDUCATION
be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of central schools in West Bengal and the number of students studying in them; and

(b) the languages used as media of instruction in those schools?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD): (a) There are 5 Central Schools in the State of West Bengal and 1458 students are on roll in them.

(b) Both Hindi and English are the media of instruction in these Schools.

EMPLOYEES OF RAILWAY LOCO SHED,
BOMBAY PORT TRUST

5513. SHRI JUGAL MONDAL:
Will the Minister of TRANSPORT
AND SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the employees of the Railway Loco Shed of Bombay Port Trust went on strike in May, 1968;

(b) if so, the names of the Railway Zones affected by the strike; and

(c) the demands of the employees and steps taken to meet the same?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING (DR. V. K. R. V. RAO): (a) Yes. The employees of the Steam and Diesel Loco Sheds of the Bombay Port Trust (totalling about 350 men) were on strike from the midnight of 16th May, 1968 upto the midnight of 25th May, 1968.

(b) The strike affected the Bombay Port Trust railway. There were no rail movements during the strike period to and from the Port. The strike did not directly affect the working of any railway zones of the Trunk Railways except that there was no interchange of wagons with the Port Trust Railway.

(c) The employees' demands included withdrawal of the appeal filed on behalf of the Bombay Port Trust in the Supreme Court against the award of Shri A. T. Zambre, Central Government Industrial Tribunal, Bombay, full implementation of the above mentioned award, grant of pay scale of Rs. 150-240 to all Loco Drivers of the Bombay Port Trust Railway, grant of fixed shifts for the Loco Drivers, provision of a minimum interval of 12 hours between shifts for certain categories of employees, and creation of posts to be classified as highly skilled. The strike was called off following a settlement between the Bombay Port Trust and the B.P.T. Employees' Union, according to which it was agreed that, pending the final decision of the Supreme Court, the appointment of 14 greasers already made would be continued and additional mazdoors would normally be provided according to work requirements for assisting the drivers. As regards the drivers' pay scale, the matter was *sub-judice* as an appeal was pending in the Supreme Court, but pending the final decision of the Supreme Court, Loco drivers who operate diesel locos will continue to