

**Reservation for Handicapped in Port Trusts**

3486. SHRI VAIKO : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether 3% reservation made in promotions in Class III and IV posts under his Ministry for the physically handicapped employees has been implemented in Port Trusts;

(b) if so, number of physically handicapped employees benefited thereunder since its introduction year-wise;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the action taken for its implementation; and

(d) the number of posts in different categories reserved for physically handicapped lying vacant in all the Port Trusts in the Country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN) : (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

(c) Instructions of the Govt. have been re-iterated to the Port Trusts for implementation.

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**Construction of Two Lane Track on NH-8**

3487. SHRI DILEEP SANGHANI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a bridge on River Mahi near Vasad on National Highway No. 8 in Gujarat connecting Khera with Baroda districts will have additional 500 meter long two-lane track;

(b) whether an agreement has been signed between Government of Gujarat and Union Government for the construction of this track; and

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith expected expenditure and time to be taken for its completion ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN) : (a) to (e) Yes, Sir. An agreement for the execution of the project in question costing Rs. 42.00 crores on B.O.T. (Build-Operate-Transfer) basis has been signed on 16th November, 1998. The construction period is about 18 months.

**Imparting of Sex Education**

3488. SHRI HARIN PATHAK : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a detailed study has been conducted by intellectuals on the need to impart sex education at higher secondary level and in colleges;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to hold any such conference on the subject; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) and (b) A number of studies from 1970 onwards conducted by different research institutions and professional bodies have stressed the need to have sex education and population education as an integral part of adolescent education. A few of such studies have been documented by NCERT.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Government does not consider it necessary to hold any conference on the subject to consider only this issue.

**Jhuggis in Shahjee Sarai**

3489. SHRI JOACHIM BAXLA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether some people have constructed jhuggis in Shahjee Sarai, Begampur, Malviya Nagar, New Delhi which is a protected monument; and

(b) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for immediate removal of these jhuggis ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) and (b) There were already a large number of encroachments occupying the site when the monument was declared as centrally protected in 1988. They have since resisted attempts to evict them. In a few cases the encroachers have taken the matter to court and the cases are subjudice.

[Translation]

**On Going Projects in UP/Haryana**

3490. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the on going projects in Uttar Pradesh/ Haryana financed out of the Central Road Fund;

(b) the estimated cost thereof, project-wise;

(c) the amount released therefor; and

(d) the expenditure incurred thereon so far ?