

Assistance for Engineering Colleges and Polytechnics in Kerala

*230. PROF. P.J. KURIEN : Will the MINISTER OF EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Kerala has requested the Union Government for increased assistance to the Engineering Colleges and Polytechnics; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Union Government there to ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) and (b). It is the responsibility of State Governments to make provisions for various programmes of engineering colleges and polytechnics running under their auspices. In its draft annual plan for 1985-86, the Government of Kerala proposed an outlay of Rs. 335 lakhs for Technical Education. The State Plan outlays for Kerala for 1985-86 are, however, yet to be finalised by the Planning Commission.

Assistance is given by the Central Government under certain Central Quality Improvement schemes, to selected institutions in the different States for specific projects in the identified areas which satisfy the criteria and guidelines laid down for the respective schemes. During the last two years 23 schemes of Engineering Colleges and Polytechnics in the State of Kerala have been given Central assistance amounting to Rs. 150.65 lakhs under the Central schemes. The proposals for the year 1985-86 from the institutions in different States of the country, including Kerala, will be considered during the course of the year, as and when these are received.

Absorption of Trained Navigators by Shipping Corporation of India

*231. SHRI MOHANLAL PATEL : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Cadets who were trained as Navigators by the Shipping Corporation of India, have been asked to wait for 60 months for employment in their fleet :

(b) whether the candidates were made to sign a bond to serve the Organisation for atleast five years;

(c) if so, the reasons for the delay in providing employment after the training; and

(d) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT. (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) :

(a) It is expected to take upto 60 months to absorb all those on the waiting list as on date.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) & (d). In the past owing to better job opportunities abroad, a large proportion of Shipping Corporation of India trained cadets sought employment outside Shipping Corporation of India.

However due to the global recession resulting in shrinkage of job opportunities in the Shipping Industry, almost all the ex-cadets are asking for employment with Shipping Corporation of India, which is in excess of Shipping Corporation of India's requirements.

Supply of Coal to Coal India Limited Yards

*233. SHRI SHIVENDRA BHADUR SINGH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Railways authorities have stopped supply of Coal to Coal India Limited Yards; and

(b) if so, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Irrigation Plans for Mirzapur District

*234. SHRI RAM PYARE PANIKA : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any projects had been sanctioned specially in Fifth and Sixth Five Year Plans for irrigation purposes in Mirzapur District in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and