

manuscripts in different languages have been received. Out of these, 59 have already been published and 17 are with the publishers. It has not been possible for the Council to publish all the manuscripts so far since the publishers did not find the proposition attractive. The Council is, however, still negotiating with the private publishers, Government agencies, different Granth Academies and universities for publication of the remaining manuscripts.

Memorandum Submitted by NPCC Contractors' Employees Union

1293. SHRI BAJU BAN RIYAN : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether he has received a memorandum No. BM/02/ACC/85 dated 23rd February, 1985 from NPCC Contractors' Employees Union, Calcutta regarding absorption of some workers of NPCC working in Agartala (Tripura) in regular service since they had suffered injuries while on job; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to absorb these workers ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b). NPCC Contractors' Employees Union, Calcutta have submitted a memorandum on behalf of two workers of the sub-contractors of NPCC. As they were not engaged by NPCC but were employees of the sub-contractors, the question of their being offered regular employment in NPCC does not arise.

Facilities to Disabled School Children

1294. SHRI ANANTA PRASAD SETHI : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state the number of handicapped children in the Kendriya Schools in Delhi/New Delhi age-wise and the concession or scholarships if any granted to them ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT) : There are 98 handicapped students in the Kendriya Vidyalayas in Delhi/New Delhi. Their age-wise break-up is as under :

6 years	—	13
7 years	—	7
8 years	—	6
9 years	—	5
10 years	—	3
11 years	—	15
12 years	—	12
13 years	—	7
14 years	—	13
15 years	—	6
16 years	—	7
17 years	—	3
18 years	—	1

There is no provision for any special concessions / scholarships / examinations in fee etc. for the handicapped children in the Kendriya Vidyalayas.

Ship Repairing Facilities

1295. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA :

Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is no ship repairing yard in the country and a huge amount is being spent every year on the repairing of our ships abroad;

(b) if so, the amount spent abroad on ship repair during the years 1982-83 and 1983-84; and

(c) the details of steps being taken to provide adequate ship repairing facilities in the country in future ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) There are a number of ship repairing yards/firms in the country. However, the capacities are inadequate, necessitating repair of many ships abroad.

(b) The amount spent on ship repairs abroad is as under :