

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 :

1982-83 — Rs. 75.77 crores

1983-84* — Rs. 45.86 crores.

*This excludes payments to be made as a part of deferred payment.

(c) In order to augment the ship-repairing facilities in the country, a number of schemes have since been approved of action initiated as per details given below :

- (i) A scheme for improvement and modernisation of Dry Dock inside Calcutta Port;
- (ii) A scheme for improving and modernizing of shiprepair facilities at HSL;
- (iii) A scheme for improvement and modernization of dry docks in Bombay Port;
- (iv) A scheme for setting up of shiprepairing facility inside Madras Port;
- (v) A scheme for establishment of an exclusive Dredger Repair Facility at Calcutta;
- (vi) Engagement of foreign experts in Cochin Shipyard to improve its productivity and skills in shiprepairs.
- (vii) Extension of fiscal measures to registered shiprepairs for better utilisation of their ship-repairing facilities.

Doubling of Sheoraphuli-Tarakeshwar Rail Line

1296. SHRI ANIL BASU : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering for doubling the rail line between Sheoraphuli and Tarakeshwar which is an important place for pilgrims;

(b) if so, when and the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) to (c). A

survey for augmentation of line capacity between Sheoraphuly and Bandel section including Tarakeshwar Branch has been taken up. Engineering field survey has been completed and recess work is in progress. A decision on the proposal will be taken after the survey report has been received, and the same examined, subject to availability of funds.

Representation from Workers of Wagon Repair Workshop, Rayanapadu (South Central Railway)

1297. SHRI AJIT KUMAR SAHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether he has received a memorandum dated 25 January, 1985 from the workers of Wagon Repair Workshop, Rayanapadu, South Central Railway;

(b) whether they have drawn attention to lack of safety measures for the workers and the workshop; and

(c) whether Government are taking steps to improve the situation in view of the serious lapses in the safety system in the workshop ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) ; (a) Yes, Sir

A collective memorandum dated 25.1.85 from the workers of wagon repair Workshop Rayanapadu, S.C. Railway has been received under D.O. letter No. SM/259/F-2(b)/85 dated 20-2-85 from Shri Basudev Acharya, M.P. addressed to the Minister of Railways.

(b) and (c). Instructions exist with the Railways for determining their need based supply of protective accessories in the workshops, within the extent of legal/statutory obligations or occupational hazards.

The Subject matter of the representation from the workers of wagon repair shop Rayanapadu has been examined by the Zonal Railway Administration from time to time, during the informal meetings with the organised labour and also at the meetings of the