

State Governments/State Government functionaries have proposed the opening of new Kendriya Vidyalayas in their States :

- (1) Assam
- (2) Bihar
- (3) Himachal Pradesh
- (4) Kerala
- (5) Meghalaya
- (6) Madhya Pradesh
- (7) Orissa
- (8) Rajasthan
- (9) Uttar Pradesh

SHRI K. D. SULTANPURI : I would like to know from the hon. Minister the time by which this demand would be met.

SHRI K. C. PANT : The demand is enormous, both from the civil sector and the defence sector as also from the project sector. The demand for Central Schools goes on increasing, but we do not have funds to meet the entire demand.

SHRI K. D. SULTANPURI : There has been very little expansion of education in the hill areas and, as such, whenever there is any interview, our children trail behind. I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether Government propose to open Central Schools in Himachal Pradesh, and the hill areas of Uttar Pradesh, Nagaland and Mizoram.

SHRI K. C. PANT : Naturally, I have sympathy with the hill areas, but the scheme of Central Schools is meant for the wards of the Central Government employees and the question of general education should not be linked with it. It has a specific purpose.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

Gauhati Inland Container Depot

*46. SHRI ANANDA PATHAK : Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state :

(a) by what time the Gauhati Inland Container Depot will start functioning ;

(b) whether the Railways Department and the tea industry have reached an agreement for the successful commissioning of the said Inland Container Depot; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The Inland Container Depot at Amingaon Gauhati is likely to be commissioned this year.

(b) and (c) No formal agreement is entered into between the Railways and the users of the Inland Container Depot. However, the process of consultation between the Railways and the representatives of various interests like the tea trade, Tea Association of India, State Government of Assam, Customs, Port etc has already been completed and their points of view taken into consideration.

Sinking of Dredger at Paradip Port

*47. SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO : SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA : Will the Minister of SHIPPING & TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether due to sinking of the dredger at Paradip Port, the future development of this port became uncertain;

(b) if so, the measures taken so far by his Ministry to avoid the uncertainty mainly because of this incident;

(c) whether any enquiry has been conducted to find out the causes in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken to clear the entrance channel and maintain dredging of the port ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, A preliminary enquiry has been ordered by the Director General