

of these universities has started both the courses in 1984-85.

(b) and (c) The courses have to be introduced by the universities concerned after making the necessary preparation. The question of any failure on the part of the UGC does not arise.

Energy Conservation

*54. SHRI E. AYYAPU REDDY : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) in the context of shortage of energy, whether Government are considering ways and means to conserve energy and to step up its availability for the Core Sector ;

(b) whether Government are carrying out a study to identify areas/Industries/Offices for saving energy;

(c) if so, the details of the scheme; and

(d) how much energy is likely to be conserved/made available ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) Yes, Sir. Conservation of energy will increase availability of energy to the Core and other Sectors.

(b) A number of government agencies including Standing Group on Conservation of Electrical Energy under Central Electricity Authority, Petroleum Conservation Research Association, Inter-Ministerial Working Group on Utilization and Conservation of Energy under the Ministry of Industry and Advisory Board on Energy, have examined the potential for energy saving in the various sectors.

(c) The schemes aim at developing/improving operating practices and equipments in the various energy intensive sectors, including industrial, transport and agricultural sectors.

(d) According to present indications the potential for conserving energy in the industrial sector is approximately 25 per cent, in transport sector about 20 per cent

and in agricultural sector approximately 30 per cent of the existing levels of consumption.

Recruitment of DTC Drivers and Conductors

*55. SHRI R.P. DAS : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any plan to change its policy in the matter of recruitment of DTC Drivers and Conductors;

(b) if so, by what time; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z.R. ANSARY) : (a) to (c) Government has not received any proposal in this regard from the Delhi Transport Corporation.

Development of Inland Water Transport in Kerala during Seventh Plan

*56. SHRI K. KUNJAMBU : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any scheme for the development of Inland Water Transport in Kerala during Seventh Plan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) and (b) A scheme for development of Neendakara-Cheriyazheekal Waterway was sanctioned in January, 1972 at an estimated cost of Rs 48.00 lakhs under Centrally Sponsored Scheme. With regard to New Schemes, no decision has so far been taken as the 7th Five-Year Plan is yet to be finalised.

Financial Assistance, Loss Incurred and Performance of D. T. C.

*57. SHRI AJIT KUMAR SAHA : SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the financial assistance provided to the Delhi Transport Corporation by Government since 1981-82, year-wise;