

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K C. PANT) : (a) A comprehensive and in-depth review of the existing Education Policy is being undertaken by the Government with a view to, amongst others, preparing youth for life and work ; making them a powerful instrument of social change and involving them in various tasks of educational development and promotion of national integration.

(b) The Steering Group on Education, Culture, and Sports has proposed a number of new schemes for the Youth for inclusion in the Seventh Plan which has, as yet, not been finalised.

**Report of Working Group on Capability of Railways for Moving Coal & Supplies**

\*304. SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Working Group set up to assess the capability of the Railway network for moving coal supplies has submitted its report ;

(b) if not, the reasons for the delay ;

(c) the steps taken to minimise the delay and hold-up of wagons occurring at transshipment points ;

(d) whether any attempt has been made to computerise the wagon movement on the Railways ; and

(e) if so, the results thereof ?

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

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The following steps have been taken for the purpose :

(i) provision of dumps where inward rakes can be released without waiting for matching stock of the other gauge.

(ii) prior forecasting of coal loads on the run requiring transshipment.

(iii) earmarking separate lines for coal transshipment.

(iv) ensuring provision of adequate labour and supervisory staff at transshipment points.

(v) arranging special monitoring at transshipment points at divisional and zonal railway level and ensuring availability of matching empty stock.

(d) and (e). At present there is an offline computer system which maintains the day to day movement of Broad Gauge wagons across the Zonal Railway boundaries only. Indian Railways have embarked upon a Project to computerise the total freight operations information system. The project will be implemented in phases.

**Explosions Aboard the Oil Tanker 'Lajpat Rai'**

\*305. SHRI B.V. DESAI : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that four persons were killed and five injured and six were missing following two explosions aboard an oil tanker, "Lajpat Rai" in the Bombay harbour on 25 October, 1985 ;

(b) if so, whether the oil tanker belonged to the Shipping Corporation of India ;

(c) whether the tanker was loading Bombay High crude when the first explosion took place and another explosion rocked the tanker after two hours of the first one ;

(d) if so, whether any inquiry was conducted ; and

(e) if so, the outcome of the inquiry ?