

- (vi) Women and political participation;
 - (vii) Indian women in the family;
 - (viii) Science and Technology for Women; and
 - (ix) Institutional changes is under final stages of preparation.
- (c) No, Sir.

Setting up of a Railway Undertaking in Kerala

*320. PROF. P.J. KURIEN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

- (a) whether Kerala does not have any major Railway undertaking;
- (b) if so, reasons therefore;
- (c) whether Government have any proposal to set up at least one Railway undertaking in Kerala; and
- (d) is so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) to (d). Kerala has major railway installations/facilities commensurate with the requirements for maintaining day-to-day operation of the railways efficiently. For example, Kerala has the Divisional Railway Managers' offices at Palghat and Trivandrum, with infrastructural undertakings for operation and maintenance of track, rolling stock, electrical and signal & telecommunication equipment, etc. Additional new works such as BG Diesel Shunter Loco Shed at Ernakulam for 20 locos is in progress.

Restoration of the Original Draught of Paradip Port

*321. SHRI BRAJAMOHAN MOHANTY : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

- (a) whether any steps taken by the Port Authority of Paradip Port and Government to restore the original draught (depth) of the port so that heavy and big Cargo ships can easily enter the port;
- (b) if so the details thereof;
- (c) how many ships during 1984-85 have gone back to other ports as they could not enter Paradip Port on account of its low depth;
- (d) whether any steps have been taken to solve the dredging problem of the port to prevent siltation in the port; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. As a result of deployment of Dredgers of the Dredging Corporation of India, the original draft was restored from 27th December, 1984.

- (c) Only one vessel was diverted.
- (d) Yes, Sir.
- (e) The normal maintenance dredging is being carried out by the Dredging Corporation of India on a continuing basis. Further, in order to prevent the silt moving into the navigational channel and reducing the draft, the Port Trust has undertaken the work of creating a sand trap through a contractor.

Environment Consciousness Amongst Students Through School Curriculum

*322. SHRI JAGANNATH PATTANAIK :
PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ :

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

- (a) whether Government propose to inculcate environment consciousness amongst the students through school curriculum;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) when such proposal would be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K.C. PANT) : (a) to (c). Environmental Education already forms a part of the School Curriculum at different stages.

[*Translation*]

Coverage of Kasauli T.V. Transmitter

*325. SHRI K.D. SULTANPURI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the capacity and kilometer coverage of Kasauli T.V. transmitter in Himachal Pradesh; and

(b) when was the work started thereon, the target date of completion and the expenditure involved therein ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) : (a) The 10 KW TV transmitter at Kasauli, at present operating on reduced power of 1 KW pending construction of 115 metre tower, has a service range of about 165 KM. The range is expected to increase to about 220 KM on commissioning of the transmitter on full power of 10 KM.

(b) Construction of the tower was taken up in Decemper, 83 and that of the transmitter building in February, 84. Transmitter was commissioned with reduced power output of 1 KW on 30.10.84 as an interim measure and is expected to be commissioned on full power of 10 KW by September, 85. Expenditure involved in establishment of the relay centre is Rs. 140.52 lakhs approximately.

Reconstitution of Press Council of India

*326. SHRIMATI USHA VERMA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Press Council of India has been reconstituted and whether part time correspondents' national body 'The Akhil Bhartiya Patrakar Sansad' has been given representation on this council;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to amend the provisions regarding the process of reconstitution of Press Council of India; if so, the nature of amendments proposed; and

(d) whether views of all the associations of correspondents have been taken or are proposed to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) : (a) and (b). The reconstitution of the Press Council of India is under way. The Akhil Bhartiya Patrakar Sansad being a non-notified association for nomination to the Council cannot be represented on the Council. Its claim in this regard was turned down on the ground that it was not filed before the closing date before the Press Council.

(c) No, sir.

(d) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Survey of Job-Seekers in the Country

329. SHRI LAKSHMAN MALLICK : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made any Survey regarding the number of job-seekers in the country;

(b) whether it has come down since the implementation of 20-Point Programme; and

(c) if so, to what extent ?