

(c) Completion of these lines will depend on availability of resources in the coming years.

[*Translation*]

**Vacant Railway Land at Yashwanthapur  
(Bangalore)**

\* 339. SHRI V.S. KRISHNA IYER: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is some vacant land belonging to the Railways adjacent to the Railway Colony at Yashwanthapur, Bangalore, which is being used as a playground;

(b) if so, whether the Railways are considering to construct a stadium on this land; and

(c) if not, whether there is any proposal to hand over this land to the Bangalore City Corporation for the construction of a stadium?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No, Sir.

[*English*]

**Expenditure in Air India and Indian Airlines**

\*340. SHRI G.M. BANATWALLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been conducted to identify areas of wasteful expenditure in Air India and Indian Airlines;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the areas so identified;

(c) the steps proposed to be taken in this regard; and

(d) whether any monitoring machinery

has been set up to reduce the said wasteful non-productive expenditure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). Whereas Air India has set up a Cost Control Committee to identify areas of controllable expenditure, Indian Airlines has not conducted any formal study. The Committee set up by Air India has identified areas like rationalisation of food upliftment, weight reduction in aircraft, reduction in communication costs, reduction in expenditure on temporary postings, curtailment on overtime expenditure, etc.

(c) and (d). Control of expenditure is a continuous process which is achieved through measures like reviews of expenditure on regular intervals, budgetary mechanism, etc.

**Establishment of University of Rural Development**

\*341. SHRI M. RAGHUMA REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to establish a University on Rural Development;

(b) if so, the time by which it is to be established; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI): (a) to (c). The National Policy on Education-1986, *inter-alia*, states that the new pattern of the rural university will be consolidated and developed on the lines of Mahatma Gandhi's revolutionary ideas on education so as to take up the challenges of micro-planning at grass root levels for the transformation of rural areas. For the implementation of the policy directive on rural universities/institutes the Programme of Action envisages the establishment of Central Council of Rural Institutes for the

formulation and implementation of a well-coordinated programme of development of rural institutes.

- Action has been initiated for the formulation of a detailed scheme for the development of rural institutes and the establishment of the proposed Central Council of Rural Institutes for the implementation of the programme.

**Karnataka Government's proposal for Conversion of four National Highways into Four-Lane Carriageways**

\*342. SHRI H.N. NANJE GOWDA:  
SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJU:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Karnataka has urged the Union Government to include in the 8th Plan a project for converting the four National Highways passing through the city into four-lane carriageway;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal submitted by the State Government including its cost, cost sharing between the Centre and State Governments and targetted date for its completion; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

**Proposal to Raise Plan Allocation of Ports**

\*343. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to raise the plan allocation for the development of Ports; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the amount proposed to be raised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b). Allocations consistent with resource availability have been made during the Seventh Plan period for the Port Sector. The allocations made in the first four years of the Plan have already exceeded the original outlay proposed in the Seventh Five Year Plan.

**District Science Centres in States**

3418. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether District Science Centres have been opened in some States;

(b) if so, the number of such centres set up in Orissa and other States; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) District Science Centres have been set up, one each in Karnataka, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal. A Regional Science Centre at Bhubaneswar in Orissa which is larger in size, scope and status than a District Science Centre is in the process of being set up.

(c) For setting up a Science Centre, the State Government concerned is required to give five acres of land free of cost at a central location and is also required to share fifty percent of the cost of setting up the Centre.

**'Shifting Cultivation'**

3419. SHRI AJOY BISWAS: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state the State-wise number