

(d) when the constraints will be removed; and

(e) when the proposed fast boat service along the Konkan Coast is expected to commence its operation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Proposal of the Company for the acquisition of two vessels for the purpose has been cleared by Government subject to their fulfilling certain prescribed conditions.

(b) to (e), The Company has not complied with the stipulated conditions so far. The proposed service can commence operation only after conditions stipulated by the Government are fully complied with by the Company.

[*Translation*]

#### Improvement in Conditions of Trains Running in Bihar

\*405. SHRIMATI MANORAMA SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the condition of the trains running in Bihar is very bad and these trains neither have bogies in ratio to the number of passengers nor these are cleaned properly;

(b) whether Government are also aware that a number of trains particularly the trains connecting South Bihar do not have air-conditioned bogies in sufficient number; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by Government to bring about improvement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI

MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) On certain trains and routes in Bihar, as also in other States, there is some overcrowding. Indian Railways constantly endeavour to improve the condition of trains and ensure cleanliness of coaches.

(b) There are 33 pairs of Mail/Express Trains serving Bihar which have A.C. coaches including 11 pairs serving South Bihar area.

(c) Steps are being taken to increase the manufacturing capacity of coaches including A.C. Coaches.

[*English*]

#### Schools Covered under Computer Literacy Programme

\*406. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to cover more and more schools under the Computer Literacy Programme by the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the number of schools to be covered under the Programme in the last two years of the Seventh Plan; and

(c) the number of computers provided to schools in the State of Madhya Pradesh during 1986-87?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAH): (a) to (c). The Pilot Project phase of the programme for Computer Literacy and Studies in Schools (CLASS) has been completed. The Project envisaged provision of two micro-computers to each

school covered under this Project. 23 schools have been selected under the project from Madhya Pradesh in 1986-87. Based on the experience gained in the Pilot Project. Government is finalising Plans for implementing the Programme on a larger scale. The number of schools to be covered under the programme during the last two years of the Seventh Plan has not yet been finalised.

[Translation]

### Uniform Syllabus

\*407. SHRI SARFARAZ AHMAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what difficulties are being experienced by Government in implementing its policy towards achieving the goal of uniform system of education and uniform syllabus/text books for the entire country; and

(b) the solutions contemplated to resolve these difficulties and the time by which effective action would be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b). It is not the Government's policy that education in all schools in the country should be of rigidly uniform nature. The National Policy on Education envisages a national system of education based on the principles embodied in the Constitution. The national system implies that at the school stage all students have access to education of a comparable quality. This system will be based on a national curricular framework with a common core alongwith other components that are flexible. .

[English]

### Wild Life Sanctuaries

\*408. SHRI D.P. JADEJA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government propose to increase the number of wild life sanctuaries; and

(b) if so, the details of the plans for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BHAJAN LAL): (a) and b). The establishment of new wildlife sanctuaries is decided upon by the respective State Governments and Union Territory Administrations.

### Science Education in Schools

\*409. DR. V. VENKATESH:  
SHRI BHADRESWAR TANTI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government propose to launch any project to improve science education in schools all over the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the likely cost of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b). The Government proposes to start a Centrally-sponsored scheme for Improvement of Science Education in Schools. Under this scheme financial assistance would be given to the