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9.	Pondicherry	266,856	104,041	162,815
	INDIA*	424,256,000	182,644,855	241,611,145

* Excludes the population of Assam where the Census could not be held owing to disturbed conditions prevailing there at that time.

[*Translation*]

Shortage of Staff in Delhi Schools

*109. SHRI SARFARAZ AHMAD:
SHRI KAMLA PRASAD
SINGH:

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

(a) whether a number of Government schools in Delhi are suffering from shortage of teaching and other staff; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to ensure provision of adequate teaching and other staff in these schools keeping in view appropriate ratio between teacher and students?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b). Delhi Administration has informed that out of the sanctioned strength of 28126 teaching posts in Governments Schools 2050 are vacant and out of 6234 ministerial posts, 417 are at present vacant. Out of these, 1135 teaching posts are vacant due to court cases. for filling up the vacancies which are not sub-judice, the Delhi Administration has initiated action for recruitment.

[*English*]

Stockpiling of Imported Coaking Coal at Visakhapatnam Port

*110. SHRI BHATTAM SRIRAMA

MURTY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been decided to make available the General-cum-bulk cargo berth of Visakhapatnam Port Trust at the outer Harbour and East Yard for stockpiling the annual import of coaking coal for the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant;

(b) whether these facilities include both open and closed storage, and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken for preventing pollution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c). No final decision on the exclusive use of the General Cargo Berth for handling cooking coal or the nature of facilities and the pollution control measure 8 has been taken.

Pension to Persons Below Poverty Line

*111. SHRI ANADI CHARANDAS: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to give pension to the landless labourers, small and marginal farmers, village artisans, construction workers and other poor who are living below poverty line in the country; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposal, age of eligibility for men and women, amount of pension etc. and the time by which the proposal will be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) and (b). There is no proposal under consideration to grant pension to the landless labourers, small and marginal farmers, village artisans, construction workers and other poor who are living below the poverty line in the country. However, the State Governments and Union Territories have pension schemes for the aged in the State sector.

Survey Committee on Urdu Bureau

*112. SHRI G.M. BANATWALLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey committee has been set up on Bureau for promotion of Urdu;

(b) if so, the composition and terms of reference of the committee;

(c) whether the committee has submitted any report also; and

9) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Does not arise.

Setting up of a major Pig Iron plant in Orissa

*113. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI:
SHRI HARIHAR SOREN:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a major pig iron plant in Orissa; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including its proposed location, the estimated cost and

the employment potential?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M.L. FOTEDAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

FAO Award to Indian Farmer for Innovation in Sugarcane Cultivation

*114. SHRI V. KRISHNA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Food Agricultural Organisation has selected this year any Indian farmers for its prestigious award from among Asian countries for his innovation in sugarcane cultivation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how far his innovation in the field of sugarcane cultivation would be helpful to boost the sugarcane production in the country?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BHAJAN LAL): (a) and (b). The Regional Office of the Food and Agricultural Organisation for Asia and the Pacific (RAPA), Bangkok, had invited from the Government of India the nomination of an outstanding sugarcane farmer for being honoured, as part of the 8th World Food Day celebrations organised by that Office on 14-10-1988 in Bangkok. The Government of India, after obtaining nominations from major sugarcane growing States and after evaluating their achievements, nominated Shri D.R. Prafulla Chandra, a progressive farmers from Shimoga District (Karnataka) for being honoured by the FAO RAPA, Bangkok.

(c) The technique adopted by Shri D.R. Prafulla Chandra in the ratoon sugarcane crop management is quite innovative especially for the varieties in tropical region of the country. This will induce other farmers to follow his technique and achieve higher productivity thereby increasing the produc-