

प्रतिभा शोष' परीक्षा रद्द दिया गया है। वह परीक्षा प्रत्येक वर्ष आयोजित की जाती है।

(ख) जी, हां।

(ग) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान, उन छात्रों की संख्या, जिन्हें छात्रवृत्तियां प्रदान की गईं और छात्रवृत्तियों के लिए दी गई कुल राशि निम्नलिखित है :-

वर्ष	छात्रों की संख्या जिन्हें छात्रवृत्ति प्रदान की गई	छात्रवृत्ति के लिए दी गई कुल राशि
1978-79	500	37,34,822.00 रु०
1979-80	500	45,65,697.96 रु०
1980-81	500	51,50,636.98 रु०

(क) प्रतिभा शोष योजना हाने के कारण, इस योजना के अन्तर्गत छात्रवृत्ति प्राप्तकर्ताओं का चयन केवल शैक्षिक योग्यता पर किया जाता है। अतः उन परिवारों के आय-वर्गों के संबंध में आंकड़े उपलब्ध नहीं हैं, जिनसे छात्रवृत्ति प्राप्तकर्ताओं को लिया जाता है।

**Assistance from I.M.F. for Inland Water Transport Development Programmes**

\*495. SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the International Monetary Fund propose to provide financial assistance for Inland Water Transport Development Programmes in India;

(b) whether studies in this regard have been prepared;

(c) the amount of assistance envisaged from the International Monetary Fund; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

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

**Electrification of Madras-Erode Line**

\*496. SHRI M. KANDASWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal to electrify Madras-Erode B.G. Line has been taken up for implementation; and

(b) if not, the reasons for delay and also the allocation made for implementing this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b). Electrification of main line between Madras and Arkonam is already in progress. Electrification from Arkonam to Jolarpettai has also been approved and included in the Railway Budget for 1981-82 at an estimated cost of Rs. 28 crores. The remaining section between Jolarpettai and Erode is proposed to be taken up for electrification sometime in the 7th Plan, in phases depending upon availability of funds.