

tries: 3,355; Physically handicapped: 250; minorities: 18,584; and women apprentices: 2,457.

Graduate and Technician Apprentices

Since July 1975, 12,864 graduate/technician apprentices have been engaged under the Act. Out of these, 957 belong to weaker sections, namely, scheduled castes: 230; scheduled tribes: 41; physically handicapped: 5; and minorities: 681.

(c) For women and persons belonging to rural areas, a number of new trades have been designated which are specially suitable for these categories. Instructions have been issued to the Apprenticeship Officers to ensure that adequate numbers belonging to these categories are taken as apprentices.

Rates of Stipend

Trade Apprentices:

Ist Year	Rs. 130 - p.m.
IIInd Year	Rs. 140 - p.m.
IIIrd Year	Rs. 150 - p.m.
IVth Year	Rs. 200 - p.m.

Graduate and Technician Apprentices:

Engineering Graduates	Rs. 280 -p.m.
Sandwich course students from degree institutions	Rs. 180 - p.m.
Diploma-holders	Rs. 180 - p.m.
Sandwich diploma-holders from diploma institutions	Rs. 150 -p.m.

Cost of stipend etc.

The cost of stipend is borne by the employer in full if such an employer employs 500 workers or more in his establishment. In the case of employers employing less than 500 workers, the cost of training including stipend upto a specified limit is shared in equal pro-

portion by the employer and the Government where "Fresher" apprentices are engaged. If ex-ITI boys are engaged as apprentices, the entire cost is borne by the establishment.

Analysis of Homogenized Milk by Indian Council of Medical Research

972. SHRI YAMUNA PRASAD MANDAL. Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Council of Medical Research has undertaken afresh analysis to determine the nutritive value and fat content in the homogenised milk supplied by the National Dairy Development Corporation; and

(b) if so, the result thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI A. K. M. ISHAQUE): (a) Yes.

(b) The composition of the National Dairy Development Corporation milk is essentially similar to that of cows milk

Memorandum from Water Transport Workers' Federation, Calcutta

973. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any memorandum from Water Transport Workers' Federation, Calcutta, dated 28th July, 1976; and

(b) reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI H. M. TRIVEDI): (a) yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is under examination.