

above includes the replacement of T.S.S. Nancowry and M.V. Andamans.

(c) Details are as follows :

	M.V. Andamans	T.S.S Nancowry
	(Repairs and Survey)	
	(Rs. in lakhs)	
1981-82	32.93	73.76
1982-83	50.98	82.84
1983-84	50.08	258.79

#### Survey of Kolayat-Falodi Rail Line

3606. SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to reply given to Unstarred Question No 5517 dated 29 March, 1984 regarding survey of Kolayat Falodi Rail line and state whether, keeping in view the increase in population, advent of Rajasthan canal discovery of salt and other minerals in the area and development of Jaisalmer as a tourist centre, Government propose to take a decision for the construction of this rail line after undertaking a fresh survey thereof, so as to provide a direct rail link between Delhi and Jaisalmer in the Seventh Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : No, Sir. Due to severe constraints of resources, there is no proposal for undertaking a fresh survey/construction of Kolayat-Falodi Rail line, in the Seventh Five Year Plan.

#### Ex-cadre Promotion Scheme to the Posts of Readers and Professors

3607. SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that several universities in India have adopted and implemented the ex-cadre promotion scheme for the posts of Readers and professors in all subjects ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the ex-cadre promotion scheme has not been

implemented in Government and non-Government colleges throughout India ;

(c) if so, why this discrimination has been meted out to Lecturers working in colleges and steps intended to be taken by Government to remove the anomaly ; and

(d) the impact of scheme on the academic excellence and research studies in Indian Universities ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K.C. PANT) : (a) The UGC had formulated a scheme of merit promotion of Lecturers as as Readers and Readers as Professors, to implemented with effect from January 1, 1983. The Commission had also offered financial assistance to implement the scheme upto 31.3.1985. The Scheme is to be implemented in the State Universities and Colleges affiliated to them with the concurrence of the State Govts, as they have to meet the maintenance expenditure on these posts after 31.3.1985. According to information available, several universities have started implementation of the Scheme.

(b) and (c) The scheme is applicable also to teachers in Government and non-Government colleges in the country. The detailed information about the implementation of the scheme in colleges is not available.

(d) The implementation of the scheme is still in the initial stages. It is too early to make any assessment of the impact of the scheme.

#### Number of Irrigation Projects Approved during the last Five Years

3608. SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of irrigation projects of State Governments sanctioned by the Union Government since 1980 till date, State-wise ;

(b) how many are pending with Union Government for sanction (State-wise) and reasons therefor ; and