

**Kendriya Vidyalayas in tribal areas
of Andhra Pradesh**

7658. SHRI V. TULSIRAM : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Kendriya Vidyalayas so far opened in the tribal areas in Andhra Pradesh during the Sixth Five Year Plan;

(b) the number of such vidyalayas to be opened during the Seventh Plan period;

(c) the number of tribal teachers appointed in the Kendriya Vidyalayas during the Sixth Plan and Seventh Plan period so far in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) the steps taken to bring forward educated tribal youths for the purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Modernisation of Visakhapatnam Port

7659. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to modernise Visakhapatnam Port with container handling facilities.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) and (b). No, Sir.

(c) The container traffic at Visakhapatnam Port does not justify the enlargement of container handling facilities.

New scheme for booking tickets

7660. SHRI BRAJA MOHAN MOHANTY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any scheme is being worked out in which buying a ticket 72 hours in advance will be guaranteed with berth and if, the details thereof; and

(b) when the said scheme will be put up into operation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Exploitation of ground water potential

7661. SHRI K. RAMA MURTHY : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether a recent study conducted by the Institute of Economic Growth, New Delhi has revealed that productivity of groundwater irrigation is around hundred per cent more than that of canal irrigation; and

(b) if so, the efforts at national level being made to exploit groundwater potential in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) The Institute of Economic Growth has made a study of the productivity of ground water irrigation.

(b) Special emphasis has been laid on ground water development and out of the total irrigation potential of 12.9 million hectares planned to be created during VII Plan. 7.1 million hectares (55 per cent) would come from ground water. Hydrogeological surveys for the entire country would be completed by 1990. Assistance is being provided to all the State Governments for equisition of drilling rigs and other equipment for exploration and development of their ground water resources and also for staff to the States and Union Territories in