

OPMENT be pleased to state::

(a) whether All India Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers' Association has demanded a number of facilities for proper functioning of the Association;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI): (a) and (b). All India Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers' Association has asked for the following facilities:

(i) Office accommodation with necessary furnishings.

(ii) Recurring and non-recurring grants.

(c) When the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan moves to its own building, which is under construction, the question of providing office accommodation to Association will be considered as per Govt. of India rules. There is, however, no provision for grants to individual Associations.

Signing of MOU by Port and Dock Workers' Federations

450. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the four Port and Dock Workers' Federations have refused to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Government; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) Does Not arise.

Modern Inland Port at Patna

451. DR. C.P. THAKUR: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for a modern Inland Port at Patna; and

(b) if so, the details of the steps taken for its development

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir

The Inland Waterways Authority of India has undertaken a detailed study in association with Dutch Experts for preparing a Master Plan for development of the Allahabad Haldia National Waterway (Ganga-Bhagirathi-Hooghly) The scope of the study includes among others, feasibility of modern Inland Poart facilities at Patna.

Eradication of Illiteracy by the National Literacy Mission

452. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether complete eradication of illiteracy in specified area is to be achieved within a prescribed time-schedule, by the National Literacy Mission.

(b) if so, the name, location and population of the specified areas;

(c) the outline of the action plan in each case;

(d) the progress made in each case till date; and

(e) the estimated expenditure in each