

(b) if so, the specific achievements expected as a result thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to computerize some more ports; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b). In the Jawahar Lal Nehru Port at Nhava Sheva, a provision has been made for computerisation of the operation of the bulk and container handling facilities. This is expected to result in speedier operations and faster turn round of the vessels.

(c) and (d). Computerisation of various aspects of port working including billing, tracking of containers, etc. is an on-going process in the Major Ports of India.

Commercial Cooperation with Foreign Shipping Companies

500. SHRI SRIKANTHA DATTANARASIMSHARAJA WADIYAR: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have established any commercial cooperation in the field of shipping with some foreign shipping companies;

(b) if so, the detail thereof;

(c) whether any such commercial cooperation has been established with shipping companies from Belgium; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Normalization of Relations with China

501. SHRI ABDUL HAMID:
SHRIBHADRESHWARTANTI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating any special initiative for normalisation of the relations between India and China; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b). It is Government's sincere desire to improve and develop good neighbourly relations between India and China. The Prime Minister's visit to China in December 1988 was an important manifestation of this desire.

Government work consistently for the expansion of the range of bilateral contacts with China in diverse fields of interest to both countries for mutual benefit. It is also Governments' Policy to resolve the outstanding boundary question through peaceful consultations and to create a favourable atmosphere for an early, fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable boundary settlement. Discussions in the India-China Joint Working Group on the boundary question are directed towards this end.

Proposal to set up a separate Board of Examination for Delhi Schools

502. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: