

Porterage Charges

4050. SHRI JITENDRA NATH DAS : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a persistent complaint that there is no monitoring or control over the exorbitant and arbitrary porterage charges at Howrah, Sealdah, New Delhi, Delhi and other important stations; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government to deal with such complaint?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) and (b). A few cases of overcharging by licensed porters have come to notice.

Porterage charges prescribed by the Railways are displayed on the notice boards at the stations and these are also announced over public address system for the information of the travelling public so that they pay the prescribed charges. Complaints of overcharging by porters are investigated and the licenses of the porters are suspended or terminated considering the gravity of the complaint. Surprise checks are also conducted by the Railways to apprehend the licensed porters indulging in malpractices.

National Creche Fund

4051. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

the amount allocated to organisations for setting up Creche and Anganwadi-cum-creche centres in each state during 1995-96?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI) : No amount has been allocated to organisation for setting up Creche and Anganwadi-cum-creche centres in any State during 1995-96 as yet. However, amounts of Rs. 101.16 lakhs and Rs. 18.15 lakhs have been earmarked for allocation to organisations in states and union territories for setting up creches and Anganwadi-cum-creche centres respectively during 1995-96.

Registration of Coolies

4052. SHRI PIUS TIRKEY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Alipurduar Division and various other stations like New Jalpaiguri, Kishan Gunj etc. of Katihar Division have no system of registration of coolies/porters; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, specifying the rules and regulations laid down by the railways in this connection?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) and (b). There is no system for registration to work as coolies/porters at any station on the Indian Railways including in Alipurduar and Katihar Division including New Jalpaiguri, Kishan Gunj stations etc. The licensed porters are selected after calling for applications by giving advertisement in the local newspapers and on station notice boards as and when the vacancy arises. The applicants are then screened by a Screening Committee consisting of railway non-railway officials and persons selected are issued licences subject to medical and police verifications.

Hindi University

4053. SHRI RAMCHANDRA MAROTRAO GHANGARE : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to establish a Hindi University at Rashtra Prachar Samit, Wardha;

(b) if so, the main objectives behind the said decision;

(c) the progress made so far in implementing the above decision; and

(d) the funds allocated for the purpose?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) The Government have decided to establish a Central University named Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalaya at Wardha. However, the exact site of the proposed University has not yet been decided and the Government is contemplating to constitute a Site Selection Committee for the said University.

(b) The main objective of the proposed University would be promotion and development of Hindi, through teaching and research, with a view to enabling it to achieve greater functional efficiency and recognition as a major international language.

(c) The Government have constituted an Expert Committee to prepare a draft Bill for establishment of the proposed University and all efforts are being made to finalise the legislative proposal for early introduction.

(d) As in case of other Central Universities, the funds for the proposed University, when established, would be made available through University Grants Commission which is provided lump-sum Plan and Non-Plan grants by the Government annually.

Open Box Rail Wagons

4054. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the prolonged and acute shortage of open box rail wagons has brought the movement of