

(d) whether the culprits were apprehended, tried and convicted ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) and (b). The visit to Shillong was on February 26, 1985 to inaugurate the Annual Meeting of the Association of India Universities held on the campus of the North-Eastern Hill University. University affairs were not discussed formally during this visit.

(c) and (d). During 1980-81, there were disturbances in the University. The then Acting Vice-Chancellor was shot dead in October, 1981. The State police is investigating the case with the help of the C. B. I.

Construction of over-bridge at North Coimbatore Railway level crossing

138. SHRI R. ANNANAMBI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that for want of road over-bridge at North Coimbatore Railway level crossing which connects the main thorough fares of the Coimbatore city, namely Cross-out road and Methupalayam road, severe traffic bottlenecks and the accidents are on the increase;

(b) whether Government of Tamilnadu have already recommended for inclusion of this project on a high priority in the Seventh Plan period ; and

(c) if so, the decision of Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) It is true that the level crossing on the cross-out Road in North Coimbatore is a busy level crossing. However, there have been no cases of accidents of road vehicles with trains at this level crossing in past 5 years;

(b) The State Government of Tamil Nadu had included this proposal as item No. 8 in the list of 13 proposals sent for inclusion in 1985-86 Budget.

(c) Due to constraint of resources and a large number of works of road over/under bridges already in progress, the new works will have to be taken up in a phased manner according to the availability of funds.

High Powered Panel on Education

139. SHRI ANAND SINGH : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the high-powered panel on education recently set up by Prime Minister has submitted any report, short term or final;

(b) if so, its main recommendations and observations ; and

(c) decisions taken by Government in the light thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) Government have not established any such panel.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[Translation]

Use of old types of wagons and their overloading causing accidents

140. SHRI C. JANGA REDDY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether use of old type of wagons having four wheels with bush bearing and illegal overloading (under invoicing) of these wagons are the two factors largely responsible for accidents; and

(b) if so, the details of suggestions made by the Railway Reforms Committee in this regard and the targets fixed for their implementation during 1985-86 ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) No, Sir. Four-wheeler, old type wagons fitted with brass bearings have performed satisfactorily for decades and are not more prone to accidents than