

(c) steps proposed to be taken by Government to combat this situation ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) to (c) During 1985, the total number of students who have passed higher secondary examination from Delhi with 40% or more marks and have thus qualified for admission to various undergraduate courses of Delhi University and Colleges is 41,226. As against this, the University can admit 39,398 students to its various full-time undergraduate courses, Correspondence Courses and the programmes offered by the Non-Collegiate Women's Education Board. There will, thus, be a marginal shortfall of about 1800 seats only. The overall facilities available are considered by and large, adequate to meet the higher education needs of students qualifying from Delhi.

#### Import of Bogies from Abroad

471. SHRI YASHWANTRAO GADAKH PATIL :

SHRI G. BHOOPATHY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways are not placing fresh orders to the wagon building industry;

(b) if so the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that efforts are being made to import several thousand bogies from abroad ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir. Railways are currently considering importing, with a view to updating technology, a few types of modern bogies, for comparative service trials in India.

#### Electrification of Gauhati-Siliguri and Baroi-Radhikapur Sections

472. SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DAS MUNSI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Ministry is contemplating any proposal for massive railway electrification programme in the N. E. Frontier Railway specially from Gauhati to Siliguri and Barsoi to Radhikapur zones during Seventh Plan ;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Electrification of railways is a capital intensive work and the investment is incurred by priority on sections which have the highest traffic density. The present priorities for electrification are to cover the trunk routes on Delhi-Bombay, Calcutta-Bombay and Delhi-Madras Sections and some other important routes for movement of coal, iron ore, etc. In view of the above and constraint of resources and low traffic density on sections on North-east frontier Railway, there is no proposal to electrify these sections.

#### Objectives for Conversion of Samastipur-Barabanki-Lucknow Line into B. G.

473. SHRI MANIK SANYAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) what were the main objectives of conversion of Samastipur-Barabanki-Lucknow metre gauge line into broad gauge and construction of a broad gauge line in the North-Eastern Railway, in details;

(b) whether the said objectives were materialised on completion of the projects; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) Conversion of Samastipur-Barabanki MG line into a Broad Gauge line on North Eastern Railway was taken up mainly to provide a through B.G. line with a view to eliminate/reduce the quantum of transshipment which was heavy and to provide a system, which is more

efficient. Further it would facilitate speeding up of traffic due to higher speeds.

(b) Yes, Sir,

(c) Does not arise.

#### Electrocution in Delhi

474. SHRI KAMLA PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that three Members of a family were electrocuted in Jahangirpuri in North Delhi on 10.6.1985 because of falling down of the conductor in LT feeder due to the storm;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to check the recurrence of such events in future; and

(c) whether any compensation has been paid to the bereaved family, and if so, is the compensation adequate and will details thereof be laid on the Table of the House ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) To check the recurrence of such events in future, over-head system of electric supply is being provided with adequate guards and the weak points are being attended to by Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking, in addition to the routine maintenance work.

(c) An interim payment of Rs. 15000/- has been made to the bereaved family, pending the completion of statutory enquiry being conducted by the Electrical Inspector of Delhi Administration.

[*Translation*]

#### Grant of Foreign Scholarship to Indian Students

475. SHRI MOOL CHAND DAGA : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Indian students who received scholarships of Commonwealth and other countries during the last two years

separately and their break up as the wards of Government employees and private employees indicating the criteria of giving these scholarships; and

(b) the names of the countries which have given scholarships to these students ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) The number of Indian students who received scholarships offered by Commonwealth and other countries was 172 during 1983-84 and 168 during 1984-85. The break-up according to wards of Government employees and private employees is not available, since in the prescribed format for inviting applications there is no column relating to father's/guardian's name, occupation etc.

The criteria vary according to the terms and conditions of the offers made by different foreign countries, but generally scholarships are for Ph.D. and post-doctoral studies, for which the minimum requirements are a Master's degree with 60 % marks or more, two years' teaching/research/practical experience and the age not exceeding 35 years. The scholarships are open to all and selection is made on merit. Applications are invited through newspaper advertisements and circulars and the final selection is made through interviews conducted by a Selection Committee constituted for the purpose.

(b) U. S. S. R., German Democratic Republic, Poland, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Japan, U. S. A., Indonesia, Mexico, Turkey Federal Republic of Germany, Denmark, France, Austria, Netherlands, Greece, Switzerland, Sweden, Spain, Italy, Norway, China, U. K.; Canada, Australia, New Zealand.

[*English*]

#### Stringent Guidelines for Foreign Scholars' visit to India

476. SHRI G. G. SWELL : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether new guidelines have been issued making it more stringent for foreign scholars to visit India;