

**Revised Estimated Proposals for
the Development of Hindustan
Shipyards Limited**

538. SHRI V. TULSIRAM : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government approved the modernisation and development programme of the Hindustan Shipyards Limited, Visakhapatnam in 1983 ;

(b) if so, the estimated cost approved by the Government for the purpose ;

(c) whether some proposals have now again been received by the Government for further revision of the estimates for the development of the shipyard ;

(d) if so, the details thereof and action taken by Government on the proposals ;

(e) the time by which the developmental work is expected to be completed ; and

(f) the extent to which the capacity of the shipyard will be increased ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) Yes Sir

(b) The present revised estimated cost of the project is Rs. 66 crores.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Question does not arise.

(e) The project is expected to be completed partially by December, 1985 and by March, 1986 in all respects.

(f) On completion of the project, the rated capacity of the shipyard will increase from the present 3 non pioneer vessels of 21,500 DWT each to 6½ to 7 per annum with an equivalent steel throughput of 30,000 tonnes.

[Translation]

**Recommendations of Conference of
Vice Chancellors**

539. SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR :

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

(a) whether a Conference of Vice-Chancellors was held in June, 1985 and if so, the main recommendations thereof ;

(b) whether it was also recommended at the conference that five percent of the plan amount be spent on education ; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K.C. PANT) : (a) and (b) The UGC had set up a Committee of Vice-Chancellors to prepare a Status Paper on Higher Education in the context of the ongoing review of the Education Policy. The Report of this Committee was forwarded by the UGC in June 1985. It suggested that plan allocations for major developmental sectors should include 5% of such allocation for manpower development.

(c) The suggestions made by the Committee are being taken into account while preparing the Status Paper on Education which is proposed to be discussed widely for developing a consensus on educational issues and formulating the National Policy for Education. The question of resource requirements for education will also be projected and later taken into consideration for Policy formulation.

[English]

Ernakulam Alleppey Rail Line

540. PROF. P. J. KURIEN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) at what stage the construction of the rail line between Ernakulam and Alleppey stands at present ;

(b) what was the original estimated cost and the time fixed for its completion ; and

(c) by what time it is likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) The overall progress is 44%.

(b) The original estimated cost was Rs. 1506.58 lakhs. No target date was fixed