

negotiations. In respect of Cauvery Dispute, as agreed to in the Chief Ministers' level meeting convened in April, 1983, the Chief Ministers of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu have been holding bilateral discussions to sort out the main issues. Recently, a meeting of Irrigation Secretaries was convened by Centre to review the situation. In respect of Yamuna Dispute, Chairman, Central Water Commission conducted a series of technical level discussions with officials of the State Governments concerned and general agreement on issues like identification of building storages on Yamuna and its tributaries for further follow up by the States has been reached.

[English]

Allocation of Funds for Human Resource Development

653. SHRI SOMNATH RATH :

SHRI RAMSWAROOP RAM :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any special fund allocations have been made for Human Resource Development, over and above the normal plan ; and

(b) if so, what portion of the fund will be utilized for education and in which manner ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) : (a) and (b). In finalising plan outlays the allocations for Human Resource Development were increased by Rs. 1500 crores, of which Rs. 540 crores have been provided for education. Rs. 200 crores for culture and Rs. 200 crores for sports and youth services.

[Translation]

Railway Passes to Freedom fighters.

654. SHRI NIRMAL KHATRI : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering any proposal to issue permanent railway passes to freedom fighters for their free travel ; and

(b) if so, details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) and (b). The scheme for the grant of free railway passes to the freedom fighters has now been finalised.

Under the scheme First Class Complimentary Cheque Passes will be issued to the freedom fighters, who are drawing pension from the Central Revenues under the Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme. It will be a one time pass connecting any two railway stations, including a circular pass, as given in the railway time tables. The pass will also be given to the spouse or attendant of the freedom fighter.

The scheme will be implemented with effect from 1st December 1985.

[English]

Steps to meet Shortfall in Wagons

655. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that during 1984-85 due to acute shortage of wagons the railways could not move fertiliser and coal to different destinations in the country and this had an adverse effect on the allied industries also ;

(b) if so, what has been the supply and demand position of the railways during the current year ;

(c) how many new wagons have been added during 1985 and the projections for 1986 and 1987 ; and

(d) to what extent this will meet the requirement of the trade and industry and steps being taken to meet the shortfall if any ?

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

(b) Does not arise.