

admitted to Kendriya Vidyalayas under Special Dispensation, for 1989-90 admissions under special dispensation have not yet been completed.

Dredging of Rivers in Goa

2493. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether capital dredging in the rivers of Goa was undertaken during 1988-89;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the quantum of work done and expenditure incurred thereon;

(c) whether new dredging work is proposed to be undertaken in Goa; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (d). Govt. of Goa, who are executing the scheme, have during 1988-89, arranged the trial dredging in rivers in Goa. This was done in association with the Dredging Corporation of India and Inland Waterways Authority of India. Regular capital dredging has been planned by them to start after monsoon in October 1989, in Mandovi, Zuari & Mapusa.

Retrenchment of Employees of Inland Waterways Authority of India

2494. DR. C.P. THAKUR: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some employees of Inland Waterways Authority of India have been retrenched;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any scheme has been prepared for their rehabilitation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b). The Inland Waterways Authority of India had appointed 37 employees on purely temporary/adhoc basis as work-charged staff in connection with specific project works at Patna. After completion of the works, the services of these employees were dispensed with effect from 30.6.89.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Free and Compulsory Education for all Children upto 14 years

2495. SHRI RAM PYARE PANIKA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the achievements made so far in Government's goal to provide free and compulsory education to all children upto 14 years;

(b) how far this goal has been achieved and what are the constraints standing in the way of its complete achievement; and

(c) the Plans being worked out for achieving this goal during the Eighth Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b). There has been significant progress over the years towards universalisation of elementary education. From 1950-51 to 1988-87, the enrolment ratio has increased from 42.6% to 93.63% for classes I-V and from 12.92% to 48.51%