

Merchant Navy Training Board

5789. SHRI P. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a Merchant Navy Training Board;

(b) if so, whether it has made any recommendations during 1977-78; and

(c) if so, whether these recommendations were implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN-CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI CHAND RAM): (a) After the expiry of the life of the previous Board a fresh Board has yet to be constituted.

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

Price of Coal

5790. SHRI P. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: SHRI AGHAN SINGH THAKUR:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of coal are rising;

(b) if so, the percentage of rise from 1971-72 upto 1976-77; and

(c) the action taken by Government to keep the price line of coal?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Since 1st July, 1975, when the price of coal was revised last, there has been no price increase.

(b) On the basis of a comparison between the existing average price of coal for the country and the coalfield-wise price for steam coal in 1971-72, there had been an increase of about 87.6 per cent in the case of coal from Bengal-Bihar coalfields, about 59.4 per cent in the case of coal from Singareni Coalfields, and from about 87 per cent to about 87 per cent in the case of different grades of coal from the other outlying coalfields.

(c) The coal producers are taking steps to effect economies, improve efficiency and reduce the cost of production.

Publication of Speeches and Writings of great Dignitaries

5791. PROF. P. G. MAVALANKAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have published in book form the speeches, writings, etc. of any or all of previous and present Presidents, Vice Presidents, Prime Ministers and other Ministers and/or high dignitaries of the nation, from August 15, 1947 to date;

(b) if so, full facts thereof;

(c) the number of copies in each case produced, sold and gifted away; and

(d) the broad policy of Government in regard to publication, presentation and sales of such publications?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI) (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-2027/78]. The Publication Division brings out, from time to time, speeches made by important Government leaders on matters of policy, etc.

Inland Water Transport

5792. PROF. P. G. MAVALANKAR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the inland water transport system is in a bad shape and is being neglected in many parts of the country by the Union and State authorities concerned; and

(b) if so, whether Government are taking any steps to effectively remedy the situation and if so, broad outlines thereof?