

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI DHANIK LAL MANDAL)** (a) and (b) The Ministry of Home Affairs is administering the following six Centrally sponsored schemes for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes

- (1) Post-Matric Scholarships
- (2) Girls Hostels
- (3) Measures under the Protection of Civil Rights Act
- (4) Pre matric Scholarships for the children of Sweepers, Scavengers etc
- (5) Coaching and Allied Schemes
- (6) Tribal Research and Training

Information in respect of these schemes for the year 1977-78 is given in the Statement laid on the Table of the House [Placed in Library See No LT 2613/78] For the year 1978-79 no amounts have been released as final proposals have not been received from the States

#### **Apprenticeship Courses in DTC**

3378 SHRI V G HANDE Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state

(a) what is the number of apprentices who have qualified the apprentice final examination held this year after completing the apprenticeship of three years course in various categories, viz Mechanic/Motor Mechanic etc,

(b) what are the terms and conditions of various apprenticeship courses in DTC and what criteria is laid down for qualifying the final apprentice examination,

(c) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to provide job in DTC itself to the apprentices who have completed three years training course, and

(d) if not, what are the reasons and what alternate arrangements Government propose to take in this regard?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN-CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI CHAND RAM)** (a) Six

(b) The DTC is taking in apprentices for three years training only in the Motor Mechanic trade According to the provisions of the Apprentices Act 1961, a candidate should have passed at least the 8th class examination and have completed 14 years of age for being taken as an apprentice. The final examination is conducted by the Central Apprenticeship Adviser.

(c) and (d) The Corporation has already absorbed all the apprentices who successfully completed the 3 year training course and qualified in the final examination conducted by the Central Apprenticeship Adviser upto the year 1977. The results of the candidates who appeared for the test in 1978 have been received in the Corporation on 1st August 1978 and steps are being taken by it to absorb the successful candidates, against the posts of Assistant Fitter, subject to their being found medically fit and otherwise suitable.

#### **Radio Station at Tura in Meghalaya**

3379 SHRI P A SANGMA Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No 6032 on 3rd August 1977 and state

(a) whether the proposal has been included in the Sixth Plan and approved by the Planning Commission; and

(b) if so, by what time the scheme is expected to be implemented?