

Policy Regarding Medium of Higher Education

4613. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the policy of Government regarding the medium of higher education in the country;

(b) whether there has been any change in the policy of University Grants Commission regarding the role of regional languages as medium of instruction and knowledge;

(c) whether University Grants Commission has proposed to introduce a qualifying English test for all aspiring entrants to Universities; and

(d) what are the details regarding the clarification from the University Grants Commission in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI-MATI SHEILA KAUL): (a) The National Policy on Education, 1968, visualises the adoption of regional languages as the media of education at the university stage. The Government continues to be guided by this policy.

(b) and (c). No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Fly-over near Serampore Station

4614. SHRI AJIT BAG: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) progress made, so far, about the fly-over near Serampore station on the G. T. Road; and

(b) the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENARY AFFAIRS (SHRI

MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) The proposal for construction of a road over-bridge in replacement of the existing level crossing near Serampore station is still in a preliminary stage. The details of design and alignment of temporary diversion of road are under discussion between the Eastern Railway and the State P.W.D.

Training of Staff in Staff College Baroda

4615. SHRI K. K. GOYAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is customary to train the candidates appearing in the selection for class II posts in advance at Staff College, Baroda;

(b) if so, on Western Railway, how many candidates have been trained for the post of Assistant Personal Officers in Staff College, Baroda, in anticipation of the selection and how many have not been trained; and

(c) how many regularly selected A. P. O. of Western Railway on waiting for training at Baroda and how many unselected persons have been trained for the post of A.P.O.?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN):(a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The number of persons who were regularly selected as A.P.Os and who are yet untrained is 10. The number of persons trained but who were not subsequently selected as APOs is 2.

Upgradation of Halt Station

4616. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Northern Railway Administration has received the de-