

announced on February 7 that US Marines forming part of the multinational peace-keeping force (MNF) in Lebanon would be "re-deployed" aboard US warships offshore. Since then US Marines have been withdrawn from Lebanon. Our general policy is that all foreign forces must be withdrawn from Lebanon beginning with those of Israel.

**Level Crossing Accident near Balwara Village in Rajasthan on 10.1.1984**

6726. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that at least 10 persons were killed and 11 others injured when a train at an unmanned crossing collided with a bus near Balwara village in Jalore District in Rajasthan on Tuesday, the 10 January, 1984; and

(b) if so, the circumstances of the collision and what precautions are being adopted to avoid any level crossing accidents at this point ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) In the accident at an unmanned crossing near Balwara station of Northern Railway on 10.1.84, 8 persons lost their lives and 16 received injuries.

(b) The accident occurred due to negligence of the bus driver while negotiating the unmanned level crossing.

At all unmanned level crossings, including this, the road signs are provided for the guidance of road users. From time to time, publicity campaigns are launched through various media to educate the road users about the safeguards to be adopted while negotiating the level crossings. Co-operation of State Governments is sought for rigid observance of Motor Vehicles Rules by the road users.

**वाराणसी और मुगलसराय में मकानों का आबंटन**

6727. श्री राजनाथ सोनकर शास्त्री : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मुगलसराय में उत्तर रेलवे और उत्तर पूर्वी रेलवे तथा वाराणसी में डीजल इंजन वर्कशॉप के कर्मचारियों को मकानों के आबंटन में अदे-भाव की नीति अपनाई जा रही है;

(ख) क्या कुछ कर्मचारियों ने अपने मकानों को अवैध रूप से किराए पर चढ़ाया हुआ है उसका अत्यधिक किराया वसूल कर रहे हैं; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस बारे में रेल मंत्रालय ने अब तक क्या कार्रवाई की है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सी० के० जाफर शरीफ) : (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) जी हां।

(ग) जिन 5 मामलों का पता लगाया गया है उनमें से 3 मामलों में क्वार्टरों का आबंटन रह कर दिया गया है और अनुशासन एवं अपील नियम के अधीन कार्यवाही की गयी है तथा शेष दो मामलों के सम्बन्ध में, कार्रवाई की जा रही है।

**Encouragement to Girl's Education at Primary Stage**

6728. KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI SINGH : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Union Government have sponsored a new scheme to encourage girls' education at the primary stage;

(b) if so, names of the States where such a centrally sponsored scheme has been introduced, so far;

(c) the amount provided to those States under the above scheme; and

(d) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL) : (a) and (b) School education including primary education is basically the responsibility of the States and mostly managed by them. In order to increase the enrolment of girls, the ongoing Centrally sponsored scheme of non-formal education for elementary age-group children, has been liberalised from

1983-84 under which assistance on a 90 : 10 Centre-States sharing basis is given to nine educationally backward States viz. Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Jammu & Kashmir, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal, for running non-formal education centres exclusively for girls. In addition, another Centrally sponsored scheme under which financial assistance is given to these States for recruitment of women teachers for primary schools on 80 : 20 Centre-States sharing basis has been put into operation during 1983-84.

(c) and (d) A statement is attached.

#### Statement

State	Grants released for establishment of Non-formal Education Centres exclusively for girls—1983-84	Grants released for appointment of women teachers—1983-84
1. Andhra Pradesh	6,52,360	1,12,000
2. Assam	5,04,750	32,000
3. Bihar	—	1,12,000
4. Jammu & Kashmir	63,855	
5. Madhya Pradesh	24,28,945	1,68,000
6. Orissa	3,60,990	1,07,200
7. Rajasthan	15,14,250	1,68,000
8. Uttar Pradesh		2,24,000
9. West Bengal	3,86,775	1,12,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>59,11,925</b>	<b>10,35,200</b>

Proposal to Adopt a National Code to Promote Breast Feeding

6729. SHRI CHINTAMANI PANI-GRAHI : Will the Minister of SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government has a proposal

to adopt a National Code to promote breast feeding;

(b) if so, when National Code is proposed to be adopted; and

(c) the steps taken in the matter ?