

goods train between Kurneru and Gumada of South Eastern Railway during September, 1988 on the Rayagada-Vizianagaram section;

(c) what are the reasons of the derailment of the goods trains at these two places; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to prevent such derailments in future?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA):** (a) and (b) The cost of damage to railway property on account of these accidents has been estimated at Rs. 15.5 and 10.25 lakhs respectively.

(c) Both the accidents occurred due to railway staff.

(d) Some of the important steps being taken to prevent such derailments are:—

(i) Increased pace of rehabilitation of worn-out assets viz. track and rolling stock.

(ii) Special attention to identified accident-prone sections.

(iii) Induction of modern technology to detect rail fractures.

(iv) Modernisation of workshops.

(v) Greater stress on ultrasonic testing of axles to detect latent flaws.

(vi) Greater emphasis being laid on improved training of railway staff in the Zonal Training Schools.

**Transfer request of couples in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan**

**20. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA:** Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representations from Members of

Parliament and associations unveiling the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan's recent decision to consider transfer request of its couples only;

(b) if so, what are the details of the authors and grounds therefor;

(c) whether the Sangathan has now corrected/modified the said decision; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI):** (a) to (d) Yes, Sir Shri Mubiram Saikia, Member of Parliament and the All India Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers Association have, inter-alia, suggested that no distinction be made between teachers whose spouses are working in Kendriya Vidyalayas or other departments/organisations in respect of cut off date for considering requests for transfers. This is already being done.

**Promotions of Departmental candidates in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan**

**21. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA:** Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has convened any meetings of Departmental Promotion Committee to consider promotions of departmental candidates to the posts of Deputy Commissioners during 1985-86, 1986-87 and 1987-88; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the details of candidates selected for promotion?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI):** (a) and (b) The information is as under: