

(c) The details are as follows:—

Divisions	Dismissed	Removed	Terminated	Suspended
Rajkot . . . . .	..	..	..	4
Baroda . . . . .	..	3	..	9
Bhavnagar . . . . .	..	3	..	6
Other Divisions	1	9	2	65
TOTAL	1	15	2	84

The action taken against them is on account of the seriousness of irregularities on their part.

Statements made by Chairman, ICHR on Mahatma Gandhi and Indian National Congress

2206. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reports which appeared in the 'Prajashakti' and 'Udayan' Andhra Pradesh of January 6 and 7, 1987 about the speeches of the Chairman of the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR), on 5th and 6th January, 1987, at Guntur and Nagaram in Andhra Pradesh, severely criticising Mahatma Gandhi and Indian National Congress for not associating the working class with the Freedom Movement, alleging that they were responsible for delaying the independence of the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that the veteran Congress leader in Lok Sabha, Prof. N. G. Ranga reacted sharply and objected to the motivated views of the Chairman, and

(c) if so, what was the reaction of the Government thereto?

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) These press reports were based on the

speeches made at the eleventh Session of the Andhra Pradesh History Congress held at Nagaram on January 5-6, 1987. The Chairman, ICHR, and Prof. N. G. Ranga had participated in the session. According to the information made available by the ICHR, the Chairman, ICHR, had criticised the historians of the Cambridge school who try to belittle the role of the National Movement, and praised Gandhiji as the first person who brought the common people into the national movement. He also emphasised the role of the peasantry and working class in winning freedom for India. The Chairman did not make any statement to the effect that Gandhiji and the Congress delayed the achievement of independence. Prof. N. G. Ranga who spoke on the 6th January, 1987, described his approach to the peasantry which was different from that stated by the Chairman, ICHR.

(c) Occasions like the sessions of the Indian History Congress, or its State units, provide an opportunity to historians, scholars and public men to come together and exchange their views and perceptions on events of historical importance. There could be differences of views and approaches among scholars on such issues.

Pantry facilities in 'Superfast Trains'

2207. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of long distance Superfast Trains provided with pantry car facilities;