

assigned the responsibility of providing funds for the running of the seven Central Universities. The names of each of

these Universities, the student strength in each of them, and the maintenance grants sanctioned during 1984-85 are as follow:—

(Rupees in Lakhs)		
Name of the University	Student enrolment	Maintenance grants paid during 1984-85**
1. Aligarh Muslim University	16190	1533.18
2. Banaras Hindu University	16037	2228.69
3. Delhi University	14831	1127.19
4. Hyderabad University	746	214.31
5. Jawaharlal Nehru University	1990	547.83
6. North-Eastern Hill University	1422	197.07
7. Visva-Bharati	3427	423.91

**Provisional.

Each University prepares the estimates of expenditure annually for meeting its recurring maintenance expenditure. These estimates are scrutinised by the Finance Committee of each University and provision is made in the budget on the basis of such recommendations.

Procurement of Wagons by Public Sector Undertakings

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the public sector industries like coal, steel, fertilisers, cement and petroleum have been advised by his Ministry to procure their own wagons;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and the reaction of the public sector units thereto; and

(c) what incentives these industries are likely to get from the Railways in freight and delivery on acquiring their own wagons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) A severe constraint of resources has forced the Railways to drastically cut their wagon procurement programme for 1985-86. This is affecting Railways' capacity to handle the increasing freight traffic.

To tide over this problem, it was suggested to the Ministries of Chemicals and Fertilisers, Coal, Steel and Mines, and industry, that they may like to purchase and own their wagons for movement of their bulk traffic.

The matter is under correspondence and discussion with these Ministries,

(c) The owner industries would be offered a rebate on freight in lieu of ownership of wagons. This scheme would also help them to have a more assured supply of wagons.