

**Recognition to Manila Gram Vidya-
pitha, Allahabad**

1019. SHRI SYED AHMAD HASH MI: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have granted recognition to the Mahila Gram Vidyapitha (Prayaga) Allahabad, a Women's Rural University situated at 21, Sammelan Marg, Allahabad; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) and (b) Universities in the country are established under Acts of Parliament or the State Legislatures. Such universities do not require any further recognition by the Central Government although a new university established after June 17, 1972 has to be declared fit by the UGC for financial assistance from the Commission and other Central sources. The UGC and the Central Government have not received any information about the establishment of the Mahila Gram Vidyapitha at Allahabad as a University, or any proposal for declaring it fit to receive assistance.

Railway out-agency at Shillong

1020. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government are aware that an existing Railway out-agency at Shillong has only eight to twelve seats for reservation to Meghalaya passengers against the daily demand of 60 to 100 seats; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) At present, Shillong Out Agency has been provided with a reservation quota of 12 berths in 1st Class, 45 sleepers and

5 seats in IInd class by various trains against the average daily demand of 8 first class and 43 IInd class berths.

(b) In view of the above, there is no proposal at present to enhance the existing quotas.

**Ropeway from Shella-Bholaganj to
Byrnihat**

1021. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have proposed to introduce a ropeway from Shella-Bholaganj bordering Bangladesh to Byrnihat;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when the work is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL), (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Railway connection for Garo Hills

1022. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to connect Garo Hills by railways; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) and (b) No, Sir. A Preliminary Engineering-cum-Traffic Survey was carried out in 1974-75 for a Broad Gauge Railway line from Jogighopa to Darangiri in Garo Hills. This line was, however, not recommended by the North Eastern Council amongst the six new lines in the North Eastern Region, which have since been taken up for construction. Another line between

Jogighopa and Gauhati, via Dudhnoi, which would run close to the Assam/ Meghalaya border, has since been approved for construction and this on completion will serve the people of Garo Hills.

**Railway Head at Byrnihat Connecting:
Gauhati**

1023. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to open a Railway head at Byrnihat connecting Gauhati station;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when the survey work is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The construction of a BG Railway line from Gauhati to Burni-hat in Meghalaya was approved in the Railway Budget for 1978-79. The 27 kms. line is estimated to cost Rs. 18.50 croz-es. The Government of Meghalaya, after initial objections, had agreed in July, 1983 to the terminal of the proposed line being located at Burnihat. However, a Cabinet Sub-Committee was subsequently appointed by the State Government on 10-12-1983 to review the earlier decision on location of the terminal at Burnihat. Final decision in the matter has not yet been received from the State Government Pending receipt of final decision from State Government, the work in the field has been pended.

(c) The survey for the work has been completed.

**Improvement of Power Generation in
North Eastern States**

1024. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state

(a) whether the Central Government have taken steps to improve power generation in some power projects in the North Eastern States during the Sixth Five Year Plan period; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKA-RANAND): (a) and (b) Roving teams of Central Electricity Authority have visited the Bongaigaon Thermal Power Station having 2 units of 60 MW to study the overall performance i of the station. The power station was also visited by a team of engineers drawn from CEA BHEL and ILK to initiate action on the problem areas i for stabilised operation of the power station. A time bound programme for rectification has been drawn up,

Team of Engineers from CEA, BHEL and ILK also visited the Namrup Thermal Power Station. AA comprehensive renovation and modernisation scheme has been prepared I based on the visit of this team. The scheme has been techno-economically cleared by CEA at an estimated cost of Re. 810 lakhs.

**केन्द्रीय विद्यालयों में योग अध्यापकों के
रिक्त पद**

1025. श्री भगतराम मनहर : क्या शिक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि केन्द्रीय विद्यालयों में योग अध्यापकों के अनेक पद रिक्त पड़े हैं ;