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Integrated M.Sc. Course at Birla the Institute of Technology and Science at Pilani

2725. SHRI CHANDAN K. BAGCHI: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the completion of 3 years of the 5 year integrated M.Sc. course at the Birla Institute of Technology and Science at Pilani, is considered as equivalent to graduation and is acceptable by the U.P.S.C.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE EDUCATION AND MINISTRIES OF WELFARE CULTURE AND SOCIAL (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL) Although the completion of 3 years of the 5 year Birla Institute of integrated course at Technology & Science Pilani is generally not considered equivalent to a degree, the Union Public Service Commission under its Rules of Civil Service Examinations do allow such candidates who complete 3 years of 5 year integrated M.Sc. course of Birla Institute of Technology & Science, Pilani to appear in its examinations where a degree of a recognised university or equivalent has been prescribed

as a qualification.

Pune Highway 2726. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

Traffic Safety Measures on Bombay-

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND

TRANSPORT be pleased to state: (a) whether there is a proposal a four-lane road from Bombay to Pune:

if so, when it is likely to be started; (b) the reasons for delay in completion of Pune by-pass on the Bombay-

Bangalore Highway; and (c) what other steps are being taken to reduce the incidence of accidents on the Bombay-Pune Highway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) The work of widening to 4-lane in 36 Km. length of Bombay-Pune Road is already included in the current year plan. Out of this, widening to 4-lane in 10 km. length between Sheding and Chowk (near Panvel) has been sanctioned and work is likely to be started shortly. The balance works will be taken up for execution in due course.