

Vivekananda Rock Memorial in Kanyakumari

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the Vivekananda Rock Memorial in Kanyakumari is likely to be closed for visitors from December 4, 1980 because the ferry service is being suspended; and

(b) what steps have been taken by Government to reopen the ferry service taking into consideration the importance of this tourist spot where thousands of tourists visit every day?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL): (a) Ferry services are being continued beyond December 4, 1980.

(b) Government of Tamil Nadu are taking all steps necessary to keep ferry service going without interruption.

Allotment of Quarters to Employees of NDMC

2409. SHRI HARKISHAN SINGH SURJEET: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of permanent employees under New Delhi Municipal Committee who are still to get quarters;

(b) the number of employees who have been allotted quarters out of turn during 1979-80;

(c) whether Government have plans to construct quarters for allotment to those employees who are on the waiting list; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI BHISMA NARAIN SINGH): (a) 4189, as on 31-3-1980.

(b) 57.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The NDMC has plans to construct nearly 200 quarters of different categories.

Centralised purchases effected by Education Department of Andaman Administration

2410. SHRI HARKISHAN SINGH SURJEET: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Education Department of Andaman Administration made centralised purchases of furniture and science equipments during the years 1978-79 and 1979-80 and if so, what is the amount spent thereon;

(b) when was the supply made by the firm and the date on which payment was made to this firm; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the articles purchased were later found to be substandard?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir. According to information furnished by the Andaman and Nicobar Administration, the Education Department had made centralised purchases of Science equipments and furniture during the years 1978-79 and 1979-80, as follows:—

Year	Rs. in lakhs	
	Science equipment	Furniture
1978-79	2.726	4.400
1979-80	2.776	2.990

(b) The information is being collected from the Andaman and Nicobar Administration and will be laid on the table of the Sabha as soon as possible.

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