

trade and collaboration in the setting up of certain industries including iron ore pelletisation. The proposals at this stage are of a general nature, and no final decision has yet been taken.

Recommendations of Study Group on Road Safety

- *407. SHRI KASIM ALI ABID :
 SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN :
 SHRI JAGDISH JOSHI :
 SHRI PIARE LALL KUREEL
 URF PIARE LALL TALIB :

Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Standing Committee of Transport Development Council on Road Transport at its meeting held on 7th November, 1973 considered the recommendations of the study group on road safety and way-side amenities ;

(b) if so, what is the progress in the implementation of the recommendations of the group ; and

(c) whether Government propose to review the decisions taken on the recommendations of the group?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (DR. G. S. DHILLON) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The majority of the recommendations of the two Study Groups concerns the State Governments and Union Territory Administration. The recommendations of these bodies, as endorsed by the Transport Development Council, have been forwarded to the State Governments and Union Administrations for implementation. The progress in this respect is being watched.

(c) A review of the progress in regard to the more important recommendations is proposed to be made at the next meeting of the Transport Development Council or its Standing Committees.

† Vocational Training for Women

- *408. SHRI S. KUMARAN :
 SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA :
 DR. Z. A. AHMAD :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have finalised a project document to provide vocational training to women ;

(b) if so, what are the salient features thereof ;

(c) the steps being taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI K. V. RAGHUNATHA REDDY) : (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

(a) to (c) With the assistance of Swedish International Development Authority, a feasibility study was carried out in 1975 by two international lady experts, to identify new trades/occupations for women. Based on their report, another ILO expert has finalised a Project Report which is now under the consideration of Government.

The Project envisages provision of training facilities in basic and advance skills in selected trades having significant employment potential like dress-making, needle work, garment knitting, hosiery, electronics and secretarial practices. Short-term specialised courses are also proposed to be organised for the upgrading and retraining in selected fields as considered necessary.

Indo-China Relations

- *409. SHRI BIR CHANDRA DEB BURMAN :
 DR. Z. A. AHMAD :
 SHRI PRAKASH VEER SHASTRI :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

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