

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE (DR. SHRIMATI PHUL-RENU GUHA): (a) A sum of Rs. 60 crores has been allocated for the following centrally sponsored programmes for the welfare of backward classes including award of Post-matric scholarships during the Fourth Five Year Plan.

	(Rs. in crores)
T. D. Blocks . . . . .	32.50
Post matric scholarships	10.66
Girl hostels . . . . .	2.02
Pre-examination Training	1.00
Research and training	0.65
Cooperation (Special Schemes) . . . . .	2.51
Improvement in working and living conditions of those in unclean occupa- tions. . . . .	3.00
Denotified and nomadic tribes . . . . .	4.50
Aid to voluntary organi- sations and setting up of other pilot projects	3.16
	60.00

(b) The number of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe students receiving post-matric scholarships has increased. The total amount available for award of these scholarships has also increased. The Central grant in the Fourth Plan represents the increase in expenditure over the 1968-69 (*i.e.* pre-Fourth Plan) level which is committed to the States' budgets.

#### A.R.C. REPORT ON RAILWAYS

\*309. SHRI BALACHANDRA  
MENON:  
SHRI M. V. BHADRAM :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Administrative Reforms Commission and the Study Group appointed by it for the Railways have submitted their reports; and

(b) if so, what are their main recommendations in regard to the railways?

[ ] English translation.

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GULZARILAL NANDA) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Copies of the reports of the Study Team on Railways and the Administrative Reforms Commission have been placed in the Parliament Library.

#### REPRESENTATION FROM FIREMEN (B GRADE) IN JAIPUR DIVISION OF WESTERN RAILWAYS

\*310. SHRI M. V. BHADRAM :

SHRI BALACHANDRA  
MENON :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the firemen (B Grade) in the Jaipur Division of the Western Railway in the month of March, 1969 ; and

(b) if so, what are the grievances listed by them therein and the action taken by Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GULZARTLAL NANDA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main grievance was that Firemen Grade 'B' were not being promoted as Shunters due to their illiteracy. The matter was reviewed, and Senior Firemen grade 'B' who had been passed over in the past on account of illiteracy were subsequently promoted as-Shunters.

#### LUDHIANA-CHANDIGARH-JAGADHRI RAILWAY LINE

\*311. SARDAR GURCHARAN  
SINGH TOHRA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether any survey has been conducted on the Ludhiana-Chandigarh-Jagadhri railway line ; if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GULZARILAL NANDA) : A traffic survey carried out in 1957-58 had revealed that the Ludhiana-Chandigarh-Jagadhri line will not be financially remunerative. Preliminary Engineer-ing-cwm-Final Location surveys for this line are proposed to be taken up shortly at the cost of the Union Territory of Chandigarh and the States of Punjab and Haryana.