

no proposal as yet to set up as centres of higher learning a natural history museum and art gallery either in Delhi or other States.

However, a proposal to set up a Science Centre in Delhi for students in secondary schools is under consideration. Details of this proposal are at present being worked out.

RATE OF PROFIT FOR COASTAL SHIPPING INDUSTRY

430. SHRI S. A. KHAJA MOHI-DEEN : Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Shipping Board has requested the Government for a revision in the rate of profit for coastal shipping industry; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government in regard thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI K. RAGHURAMAIAH) : (a) The question of revision in the rate of profit for the shipping industry, whether coastal or overseas, does not arise as there is no prescribed rate of profit. However, the National Shipping Board has recommended that the minimum rate of profit which the shipping industry would endeavour to realise is 12% gross return on capital employed and that as the coastal trade has been reserved for Indian Shipping and as Government have statutory control over coastal freight rates, it would be possible for Government, by permitting suitable increase in freight rates, to enable the coastal shipping industry to reahsethe rate of profit recommended by the Board.

(b) The recommendation of the Board is under consideration of Government.

DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM IN INDIA

431. SHRI S. A. KHAJA MOHI-DEEN: Will the Minister of TOURISM |

AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that due to the paucity of funds it will not be possible to develop tourism to the desired target; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH) : (a) and (b) Yes, Madam. It is unfortunate that due to severe curtailment in Plan Outlay on Tourism, the target? and schemes for the development of Tourism may have to be drastically revised. Details of these schemes are being worked out with a view to achieving maximum results within the available resources.

REGIONAL SCHOOLS IN DELHI

432. SHRI S. A. KHAJA MOHI-DEEN : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of regional schools have been started in Delhi ;

(b) if so, the total number of such schools;

(c) whether Government have given any financial assistance to such schools; and

(d) if not, the sources from which these schools get assistance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES (SHRI BHAKT DARSHAN) : (a) to (d) The requisite information is being collected from the Delhi Administration and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha as soon as possible.

ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS COMMISSION

433. SHRI M. M. DHARIA :

SHRI R. P. KHAITAN :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state: