

Shortage of staff in NCMEI

*192. SHRI MOHAMMED ADEEB: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of cases of various types presently being handled by the National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions (NCMEI);
- (b) whether it is a fact that staff strength of NCMEI is insufficient to handle those cases; and
- (c) if so, the steps being taken to provide adequate staff to NCMEI for properly dealing with those cases?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) As on 04.08.2011, the National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions (NCMEI) has 1332 cases at its hand regarding grant of Minority Status Certificates, issue of NOCs to Educational Institutions, disputes relating to affiliations to a University and complaints regarding deprivation or violation of educational rights of minorities to establish and administer Educational Institutions of their choice.

(b) and (c) Initially, National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions (NCMEI) was set up with one Chairman, 2 Members and 22 administrative staff. Having regard to the volume of work, the number of administrative posts has since been increased to 33. Provision for one additional Member has also been made by an Amendment to the NCMEI Act.

Safety devices for foggy weather

†*193. SHRI BHAGAT SINGH KOSHYARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of train accidents that took place because of fog during the last three years, year-wise and division-wise;
- (b) whether Railways have not been fully successful in installing various safety devices for maintaining train operations in foggy weather;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for delay in installing such devices; and
- (d) the time-frame set to install the said devices in the entire rail network?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI): (a) No consequential train accident on Indian Railways has been attributed to fog as the cause of the accident.

(b) to (d) In the foggy weather of 2010-11, some changes were made in Signalling

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