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to reduce, the amount of subsidy given for various areas under the Railways at present;

(b) if so, what is the average annual amount of subsidy being given to all the areas under Railways at present; and

(c) which are those areas and what criteria have been fixed for reducing the amount of subsidy?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE):

(a) to (c) No such decision has been taken.

Impact of economic liberalisation in Kendriya Vidyalayas

†*200. **SHRI GAYA SINGH:**

SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Undarikaran Ki Chhaya Kendriya Vidyalayon Par Bhi" published in the Daily Hindustan (New Delhi) dated 12th November, 2000;

(b) if so, the amount of yearly savings made through closure of some Kendriya Vidyalayas and the annual expenditure increased on account of computer education in 319 Kendriya Vidyalayas;

(c) the category-wise and State-wise number of teaching and the non-teaching posts remaining vacant since beginning of the year 1999; and

(d) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The schools merged/closed in Civil/Defence Sector are relocated at other places. Schools in the project Sector are not financed by the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan but by the respective project authorities, because of which their closures do not lead to any financial savings to Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan. Further there will be no additional burden on the Government of India budget for Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan on account of recurring expenditure on computer education in 319 Schools.

(c) As on 01.11.2000, 62 posts of Principals, 203 posts of Head Masters,

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

487 posts of PGTs, 549 posts of TGTs, 172 posts of Primary Teachers, 332 posts of Misc. categories of teachers and 1159 posts of office staff were vacant. The State-wise records of vacancies are not maintained. However, most of the Teachers' vacancies had been filled up by taking people on contract.

(d) Occurrence of vacancies is a continuous process due to retirement/resignation/promotions/Death of employees. However, teaching work in the schools is not allowed to suffer.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Committee on status of IDPL

1286. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal before Government to set up a Committee to enquire into the sorry state of affairs of the IDPL; and

(b) if so, by when Government are going to set up such a Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Reducing operational cost of fertilizer plants

1287. SHRI GOPAL SINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government, through a white paper, had expressed the view two years back that there is a need to reduce the operational cost of fertilizer plants, both in public and private sectors;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any measures to reduce it;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Questions do not arise.