

**Payment to Workers in Bridge
Department of Northern Railway**

9021. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether arrears of salary amounting to about rupees two crores, are due since 1973 to 2500 class IV employees working in bridge division of Northern Railway;

(b) if so, the reasons for such delay in payment of salaries; and

(c) the time by which the payments are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c). Northern Railway has received some claims for arrear payment on account of grant of temporary status to certain casual labourers of bridge department of that Railway. These claims are under verification. Payment as due will be made after completion of verification process.

[*Translation*]

Yoga University

9022. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a Yoga University in order to conduct research on the scientific and spiritual aspects of Yoga;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c). Keeping in view

the Government policy on the setting up of new Central Universities and the severe constraint on the availability of resources, Central Government has no proposal under consideration to set up a Yoga University.

Scarcity of Ayurvedic Medicine

9023. DR. MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is shortage of some Ayurvedic medicine in market;

(b) if so, the names of those medicines and reasons therefore; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take for the adequate supply of such medicines in the market?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) This Ministry has no information about any shortage of Ayurvedic Medicine in the market.

(b) and c). Does not arise.

Conversion of Bareilly-Pilibhit-Lucknow

9024. DR. P.R. GANGWAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to convert the railway line from Lucknow to Bareilly-via Pilibhit into broad-gauge line;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.