

[English]

Setting up of IIT in Assam

189. SHRI PROBIN DEKA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far in setting up of the proposed Indian Institute of Technology in Assam;

(b) the details of the findings of the Site Selection Committee appointed for this purpose;

(c) the time by which it is likely to start functioning; and

(d) the steps taken to ensure the timely completion of the work of the said IIT?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (d). A site for Indian Institute of Technology at Guwahati approved by the Government of India has been acquired by the State Government and a camp office is established. The Government of India have reconstituted the Society and the Board of Governors of the Institute under the Chairmanship of the Governor of Assam. The Board has decided to start the first academic session from 1994-95.

[Translation]

Speeding up of Janata Express

190. SHRI SURYA NARAIN YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Janata Express (Delhi-

Howrah) runs at slow speed as compared to the speed prescribed for it;

(b) if so, the reasons for the slow speed and fare being charged as that of an express train; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken for speeding up of the train or to charge fare of a passenger train?

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

(b) Does not arise.

(c) At present, there is no proposal to speed up this train or to change its fare structure.

[English]

Ticketless Travelling

191. SHRI KRISHAN DUTT SULTANPURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons arrested for ticketless travelling during the last six months; Zone-wise;

(b) the amount recovered from them as fine; and

(c) the steps being taken to check ticketless travelling?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). The details are as under :-