

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce Diesel Multiple Engines (DME) on Ranaghat-Gede and Ranaghat Bougaigaon lines in Sealdah Division of Eastern Railway;

(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) to (c). DMU (Diesel Multiple Unit) operation is still at an experimental stage. Therefore, immediately we do not propose to introduce any DMU trains on Ranaghat-Gede & Ranaghat - Banagaon sections of Eastern Railway.

[*Translation*]

#### Linking of Tourist Places by Rail

4211. SHRIMATI GIRIJA DEVI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme to link tourist places with train services; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken so far in this regard

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). There is no separate scheme as such. Wherever railway line connects tourist spots, suitable train services are available and they will be augmented in future consistent with traffic and resources.

#### Appointment of Nurses in LNJP Hospital, Delhi

4212. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned 'Jaiprakash Narayan Hospital, Delhi Staff Nurses ki niyukti mein dhandhali' appearing in the 'Hindustan' dated June 13, 1992;

(b) if so, whether the Government have conducted an inquiry in this regard; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government against erring officials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Due to prolonged non-availability of qualified nurses belonging to SC/ST categories for appointment against reserved vacancies and considering the exigency of running hospital services, some nurses were appointed on emergent and purely short-term basis in Lok Nayak Jaiprakash Narayan Hospital.

The Delhi Administration has initiated action for making regular appointment against the vacancies reserved for SC/ST as well as general candidates.

[*English*]

#### Royalty to UP Government

4213. DR. LAL BAHADUR RAWAL: SHRI RAJVEER SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways pay any amount as royalty to State Governments for railway lines;

(b) if so, the amount of royalty paid by the railways to the Government of Uttar Pradesh during the last three years;

(c) the amount of royalty still to be paid; and

(d) the time by which the remaining amount on this account is likely to be paid?

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

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

#### **WHO Warning on Malaria and Tropical Diseases**

4214. SHRIRABIRAY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned 'Global warning may trigger epidemics' appearing in Times of India dated June 3, 1992;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. The Report of the WHO Commission on Health and Environment, 1992 has inter alia indicated that the build-up greenhouse gases in the atmosphere is likely to lead to global warming and changes in rainfall pattern which may affect the distribution of vectors that carry the agents of the infectious diseases such as malaria.

The report further states that every

effort should be made to reduce greenhouse gas emissions now, through individual efforts and through such measures as are now being developed by the United Nations.

An Expert Advisory Committee under the Chairmanship of the Director General of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research has been set up to advise the Government on all aspects relating to Global Warming in the Indian, regional and global context, assist in the promotion and coordination of multi-institutional and multi-disciplinary studies in the area and to assess and monitor research projects in the relevant areas. The Committee consists of eminent scientists from various fields and senior Government officials.

#### **Price of BOXN Wagons**

4215. SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether differential rates of overheads were fixed for the producer of BOXN wagons;

(b) whether overhead of public and private sectors were averaged; and 10% differential over the average rate was given to public sector;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action being taken in the matter

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. Chief Advisor (Cost) under Ministry of Finance has recommended that overhead percentage for private sector be fixed at 182% based on the average of 10 wagon builders and public sector be given a 10% build up over 182% i.e.  $182 + 18 = 200\%$ .