

(b) which State Government has shown its willingness to implement its recommendations; and

(c) the expenditure incurred on this Committee vis-a-vis the results achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION) (DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the 50th meeting of the Central Advisory Board on Education (CABE) held on 2.3.94, Education Ministers of most of the States/UTs expressed broad agreement with the Yashpal Committee recommendations. The report of the Yashpal Committee has been passed on to the State/UT Governments for consideration and implementation. The Monitoring Committee is in touch with the State Governments to monitor the implementation.

(c) The expenditure incurred for the 2 meetings of the Monitoring Committee held so far is Rs. 1075 only. The Committee finalised its strategy for implementation of the recommendations of the Yashpal Committee.

#### **Booking of Betel Baskets**

702. SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the problems in booking of betel baskets at Mecheda and Panskura railway stations in the Howrah-Kharagpur Section of the South Eastern Railway; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken or proposed to be taken to overcome this situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI) : (a) and (b). There is no particular problem in booking of Betel Leaves Baskets at these stations. This traffic is cleared by nominated trains by ear-marking adequate space.

[*Translation*]

#### **Lalit Kala Academy**

703. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the alleged corruption and irregularities prevailing in the Lalit Kala Academy;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether the Government have conducted/propose to conduct any investigation in this regard;

(c) if so, the findings of the investigation; and

(d) the action proposed to be taken against the officials found guilty therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) to (d). A number of complaints against the functioning of Lalit Kala Academy alleging irregularities and acts of corruption have been received by the Government. These are under examination.

[*English*]

#### **Central Hindi Institute**

704. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the reasons for not granting the senior scale to the eligible lecturers of the Central Hindi Institute, Agra

(b) since when they are eligible;

(c) the action Government propose to take against the erring officers of the Department of Education and Central Hindi Institute; and

(d) by when they are likely to be given the senior scale?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION) (DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI) : (a) to (d). A meeting of the Committee constituted to consider the cases of lecturers of Kendriya Hindi Sansthan, Agra for placement in the senior scale has been held and the Committee has sought certain clarifications from University Grants Commission regarding the criteria prescribed in this regard. The matter will be considered by the Committee again in its next meeting and recommendations of the Committee shall be implemented shortly.

[*Translation*]

#### **Railway Station**

705. SHRI RAJESH RANJAN PAPPU YADAV : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Jogbani Railway station is situated on the Nepal border;

(b) whether this station is also the border line of Bihar and West Bengal;

(c) whether Jogbani fulfils all the conditions on declaring it as an International Railway Station;

(d) if so, whether the Government have any proposal to declare Jogbani Railway Station as an International Railway Station; and

(e) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) On Indian Railways there is no nomenclature as International Railway Station.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

[English]

#### **Opening of Kendriya Vidyalaya and Navodaya Vidyalaya**

706. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMCHANDRAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to open Kendriya Vidyalaya and Navodaya Vidyalaya in the Wayanad district of Kerala;

(b) whether the State Government has made any representation in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) As per information furnished by the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, the District Collector has informed the Sangathan about offer made by a Member of Parliament to provide funds from his local area development fund, for a

Kendriya Vidyalaya. However, the proposal does not indicate the availability of necessary infrastructural facilities. Kendriya Vidyalayas Sangathan has initiated steps to prepare the feasibility report after conducting a site study.

Regarding Navodaya Vidyalaya, a proposal has been received from the District Collector based on which the Samiti has requested the State Government to allot land free of cost on a permanent basis.

#### **National Rail Museum in Delhi**

707. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the details of improvements made recently in the National Rail Museum in Delhi depicting the evolution of Indian Railways since its inception and the expenditure incurred on renovation/improvements;

(b) whether the Government are aware that despite improvements/renovation, the Museum suffers a lot of shortcomings like lack of sufficient space to narrate the 150 year old history of Indian Railways, representation of age old steam engines, absence of district uniform of drivers, guards and attendants belonging to a particular period except the 'Palace on Wheel', etc.;

(c) if so, the details of the other shortcomings which came to the notice of the Government;

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to remove the shortcomings;

(e) whether the Railways have plans to build similar museums in other parts of the country; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI) : (a) 14 fully dressed Mannequins and an interactive Multimedia Kiosk have been recently added to the Museum at a cost of Rs. 1.17 lakhs and Rs. 1.95 lakhs respectively.

(b) The Museum adequately depicts the 150 year old history of the Indian Railways. The space provided is adequate and the Museum has a very exhaustive collection of old steam engines dating as far back as 1855. Uniforms of Railway Staff are however not available for display.