

(c) There are no shortcomings.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) and (f). Regional Rail Museums have been planned for the Southern region at Madras, Eastern region at Varanasi and Western region at Pune.

Diesel Shed

708. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received any representation for construction of Diesel Shed at Samastipur junction of the North Eastern Railway;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

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

(b) and (c). There was a proposal for establishment of a Metre Gauge diesel shed at Samastipur which was subsequently dropped in view of changed scenario due to Gauge Conversion.

Train from Delhi to Amritsar

709. SHRI DHARAM PAL SINGH MALIK : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether no train is running from Delhi to Amritsar via Jakhal-Dhuri;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to divert the route of any of the trains via Jakhal-Dhuri;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d). Examined, but not found feasible due to operational difficulties.

Halt at Andheri

710. SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether many of the Western Railway trains reaching Bombay Central/Bandra Terminus are provided halt at Borivali, Dadar/Bandra Terminus;

(b) whether there is any proposal to provide halt of some of the above trains at Andheri station also; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

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

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

National Building Construction Corporation

711. SHRI BALRAJ PASSI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Building Construction Corporation, New Delhi is depositing provident fund contribution with the concerned authorities;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the NBCC has taken necessary action to adopt provisions of the pension scheme notified in November, 1995;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether NBCC is paying wages to its employees in time;

(f) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(g) the steps being taken to ensure timely payment of wages to their employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DEPARTMENT OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION) AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) Yes, Sir.
- (d) Does not arise.

(e) to (g). National Buildings Construction Corporation Limited (NBCC) is engaged in construction of civil engineering projects spread all over India at more than 130 locations. The wages are normally disbursed regularly from project sites, although there have been, at times, unavoidable delay in payment of wages to workers due to late receipt of funds from clients and liquidity problems being faced by the Corporation. All out efforts are being made by NBCC to improve its liquidity position to ensure timely payment of wages to its workers.

Non-Cooperation of Jammu and Kashmir Police

712. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the Delhi Police has alleged non-cooperation of Jammu and Kashmir Police in giving information to any State policy about the terrorists;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND DEPARTMENT OF SPACE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) No, Sir.

- (b) and (c). Do not arise.

Golden Triangle Express

713. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the Government have any proposal to introduce the Golden Triangle Express to cover Delhi-Agra-Jaipur-Delhi; and
- (b) if so, the time by which it is proposed to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI) : (a) and (b). A proposal has been received from the Expert Committee on Tourism of the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India for introducing a tourist train to cover Delhi-Agra-Jaipur-Delhi. The proposal is being processed.

Foreign Aided Education Projects

714. SHRI RABI RAY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

- (a) whether it is a fact that many foreign agencies finance educational projects in India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the percentage of the funds being used for infrastructural development, imparting training to teachers and production of instructional material?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Upgradation of Railway Junior College

715. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

- (a) the number of Railway employees working at Vijayawada;
- (b) whether these employees are experiencing difficulties in the matter of education of their children;
- (c) the reasons for delay in upgrading the Railway Junior College to a Degree College; and
- (d) whether the Railway Administration propose to start Degree Classes from next academic year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI) : (a) 10,300 (approx.).

- (b) and (c). Although there is a demand to start a Degree College at Vijayawada, the Railways do not normally enter into the field of higher education due to inherent administrative and