

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

Nagarik Chetana Forum

184. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA : Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that the Nagarik Chetana Forum of Kanpur, had lodged a complaint with the National Human Rights Commission for not providing adequate amenities (viz. footpaths, roads, parks, drinking water, sanitary conditions etc.) to the people of Kanpur; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

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) and (b). The details of complaints are being gathered and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

[Translation]

Temporary Pharmacists

185. SHRI JANARDAN MISRA :

SHRI ARVIND TRIVEDI :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the services of temporary pharmacists working for a long period in the Divisional Hospital, Varanasi have not been regularised till date;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to regularise these temporary pharmacists;

(d) if so, the time by which these pharmacists are likely to be regularised; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI) : (a) to (e). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

[English]

Gauge Conversion

186. SHRI HARILAL NANJI PATEL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Gauge Conversion work of Gandhidham-Bhuj-Nalia Railway Line into BG line taken in hand has made any progress;

(b) if so, the details of conversion work completed so far;

(c)- whether the construction work is progressing according to the action plan as per the schedule;

(d) if not, the difficulties being faced in this regard; and

(e) the time by which it is scheduled to be completed and made functional?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI) : (a) The work has not yet been taken in hand.

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

(d) Planning Commission's clearance is awaited. for conversion of Bhuj-Nalia, Survey has been taken up.

(e) Will be decided once the work is taken up.

Urjagram Scheme

187. SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the Urjagram Scheme being sanctioned during 1995-96;

(b) whether the Government have received any proposal from West Bengal; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (PROF. P.J. KURIEN) : (a) At present there are 412 urjagram projects in different parts of the country. Of these, 234 have been completed. Funds in the current year 1995-96 are being provided for ongoing projects to concerned State Governments as per the requests received from State Governments and availability of resources.

(b) and (c). Ten urjagram projects have so far been taken up in the State of West Bengal. Under the urjagram scheme, urjagram project proposals have to be sent by the State Governments with their comments. The State Government of West Bengal; have not submitted any urjagram proposal in the current year, 1995-96.

[Translation]

Gauge Conversion

188. SHRI RAM BADAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that the Gauge Conversion work of Mau-Shahganj (U.P.) Railway Line is progressing at a snail's pace and if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to expedite the work;

(b) whether the Department of Railway has diverted the fund sanctioned for this area to the other works in Bihar;

(c) if so, the directions being issued to check diversion of fund; and

(d) the time by which the work on this line is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI) : (a) The work is progressing well.

(b) No, Sir. In fact additional funds amounting to Rs. 7 crs. have been allotted to this work in 1995-96.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) During 1996-97.

[English]

Container Feed Station at Mysore

189. SHRIMATI CHNADRA PRABHA URS : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Rail India Technical and Economic Services has taken up any study on the feasibility of setting up Container Feed Station at Mysore;

(b) if so, whether the RITES has given its report; and

(c) whether it is feasible to set up the proposed Container Feed Station at Mysore?

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

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

Indian Science Congress

190. SHRI CHITTA BASU : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the 83rd Session of the Indian Science Congress held recently, pointed out the non-implementation of the approved projects related with the Science and technology policy;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the steps the Government propose to take to correct this situation ?

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) to (c). No communication has been received so far from the Indian Science Congress Association regarding various points raised in the 83rd Session of Indian Science Congress held at Patiala in January, 1996.

[Translation]

Space Programme

191. SHRI VILASRAO NAGNATHRAO GUNDEWAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the details of the Space Programme likely to be taken up during next two years?

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) : Continuing and enhancing the services of INSAT system from telecommunication, television broadcasting, meteorology, disaster warning and search and rescue services through launch of ISRO-built satellites INSAT-2D and INSAT-2E, continuing and enhancing the services of Indian Remote Sensing Satellite (IRS) system for natural resources survey and management through launch of operational satellite, IRS-1D, and technology proving satellites, IRS-P3, IRS-P4, and IRS-P5, and work towards realising commensurate indigenous launch capability through three more launches of the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) and the development of the Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV) are the major aspects of India's space programme during the next two years.

Continuing implementation of remote sensing applications including Integrated Mission for Sustainable Development and demonstration of space applications, especially developmental education, are also planned; a pilot project on satellite based developmental communication and training network for rural development will be carried out in Jhabua district of Madhya Pradesh.

[English]

Hoardings

192. SHRI TARA SINGH : Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to newsitem captioned "Hoardings may be banned in residential area" appearing in Statesman dated December 31, 1995;

(b) if so, whether the rampant proliferation of hoardings are posing serious threat to the aesthetics of capital;

(c) if so, whether hoardings are also causing accidents on roads in the capital; and

(d) if so, by when a decision to remove all hoardings is likely to be taken by the Government ?

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.