

5. Travelling safaiwalas have been provided in 284 trains.
6. More than 1500 full time/part time safaiwalas have been engaged.
7. 'May I Help You' Booths for cleanliness have been set up at 246 stations.
8. Advertisement Boards/Hoardings have been rearranged at important stations to give a decent look, to stations.
9. Posters, banners on cleanliness have been displayed at prominent locations at all important stations.
10. Announcements on cleanliness are being made at all stations provided with Public Address System.

The information regarding amount spent by the Railways on cleanliness is being collected.

[Translation]

Yoga in Schools

201. SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY :

SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to start yoga classes in the schools of Uttar Pradesh and some other States;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, and

(c) the financial assistance to be given by the Union Government for the purpose, State-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION) (DR. KRUPANSINDHU BHOI) : (a) to (c). Starting of Yoga Classes in State run schools comes under the purview of the State Governments concerned. However, the Central Government is implementing the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of 'Promotion of Yoga in Schools', under which financial assistance is provided to State Governments/Yoga Institutions, for training of teachers in yoga. Financial assistance amounting to Rs. 29.97 lakhs, Rs. 60.00 lakhs and Rs. 25.31 lakhs has been provided to the States under this Scheme during 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 respectively.

[English]

Funding of Elections

202. SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA :

SHRI LOKANATH CHOUDHURY :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether in view of recent disclosures made in Jain Hawala case, the Government propose to expedite decision on State funding of elections;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) and (b). Government has recently held consultations with Political Parties on certain aspects of election expenses and funding thereof. The matter is receiving active consideration of the Government

(c) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Inclusion of Books in Curriculum

203. SHRI DEVI BUX SINGH :

SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that the books included in the curricula in Uttar Pradesh are the same as were being taught five years back and which contain the information about the late Prime Minister;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION) (DR. KRUPANSINDHU BHOI) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

[English]

Gauge Conversion

204. SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT

SHRI GABHAJI MANGAJI THAKORE :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether any feasibility report for the conversion of Ahmedabad-Himmatnagar and Ahmedabad-Vijapur Railway Lines into broadgauge lines have been prepared;

(b) whether report has been sent to the Government of Gujarat for comments; and

(c) if so, the details of action plan and when the construction works are likely to be taken in hand and the date of their completion ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI) : (a) Survey has been done for conversion of Ahmedabad-Himmatnagar-Udaipur-Chittoargarh. No survey has been done for conversion of Ahmedabad-Vijapur section