

corresponding State Literary Missions are functioning, what is the contribution of the Government agencies- the percentage of contribution of Government agencies and the percentage of contribution of the non-official agencies in achieving literacy

SHRI ARJUN SINGH: Sir, so far as the evaluation is concerned, there is almost a constant evaluation going on through bodies which are outside the Government so that there may be an authentic and fair evaluation. There are some States where problems have arisen. But, this much I can tell you that every State now in this country is totally committed to this programme and they are doing their level best. If there are any deficiencies anywhere, we are trying to remove them. I would not say that there is some basic flaw in the entire approach.

#### WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[*Translation*]

#### Grants and Scholarships by U.G.C.

\*674. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the conditions laid down by the University Grants Commission for providing grants and scholarships to various Universities, institutions and departments for conducting Research Work, Doctoral and Post-Doctoral degrees;

(b) the action taken in cases where these conditions are not complied with; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure their proper and effective compliance?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) According to the

information furnished by UGC, the Commission has several schemes for providing grants to Universities for promotion of research, and to individual scholars for Doctoral or Postdoctoral research. Although there are specific conditions governing each grant or fellowship, the main conditions applicable to UGC research schemes are as follows:

(i) The research must be pursued in the areas specified in the sanction.

(ii) Assistance must be utilised for the purpose for which it is sanctioned.

(iii) The research scholar/department must furnish periodical reports.

(iv) The grantee institution must furnish utilisation certificate to the UGC.

(v) Posts created under UGC assistance must be maintained by the grantee institution after UGC assistance has ceased.

(b) & (c). The first instalment of grant or fellowship is released only after the grantee institution undertakes to comply with conditions of grant. Subsequent instalments are released on the basis of periodic progress reports and utilisation certificates. According to the information furnished by UGC, in some cases of non-compliance or unsatisfactory progress, the Commission had to discontinue the grant.

[*English*]

#### Life Line Express

\*683. SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA

**KHANDURI:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the facilities available in Life Line Express;

(b) the average daily operational expenditure being incurred thereon;

(c) whether any time bound target has been fixed to achieve its optimum functional objectives;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the success rate in running the express and the areas so far covered by it; and

(f) the steps proposed to be taken to make it more beneficial for needy rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The Lifeline Express, launched by the Impact India Foundation, a registered Public Trust has the facilities of a modern and sophisticated Hospital and is designed to provide on the spot diagnostic medical and surgical treatment to the patients affected by Polio, cataract and hearing deficiency.

(b) No operational expenditure is being incurred by the Railways. This is being incurred by the Impact India Foundation.

(c) No specific time limit has been fixed by the Impact India Foundation.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The Impact India Foundation has successfully completed 3 of its pilot projects in the remote areas of Khilari and Chainpur in Bihar and Farah near Mathura in U.P. A fourth camp near Amethi is in progress.

(f) Existing arrangement is considered adequate for the time being by the Impact India Foundation.

[*Translation*]

#### **Manufacture of coaches and wagons**

\*684. DR. MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of coaches and wagons that were required by the Railways to meet the traffic demand during 1990-91;

(b) the number of coaches and wagons that were manufactured during that year; and

(c) the efforts being made to meet the gap between the demand and supply?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Taking into account the traffic demand and the resource position, it was decided to procure 1734 coaches and 23,000 wagons in 1990-91.

(b) In the year, 2056 coaches and 23,672 wagons were acquired.

(c) There was no shortfall in the programme and actual procurement in the year.

[*English*]

#### **First Aid Centre at Railway Stations**

\*686. SHRI MUMTAZ ANSARI:  
SHRI RAJESH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railways stations in the country without any first aid centre,