

Supply of Boiled Rice to Assam

7246. SHRI PROBEN DEKA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Assamese people in rural areas prefer boiled rice;

(b) if so, whether the percentage of boiled rice being supplied to Assam and other States is proposed to be increased; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Government of India is not aware of any such preference.

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

Upgradation of Treatment in Cancer Institute of Gauhati

7247. SHRI UDDHAB BARMAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any proposal from the Government of Assam to improve and modernise the treatment in B. Baruah Cancer Institute, Gauhati, Assam;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (c). The informations is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

National Environment Commission

7248. SHRIMATI DIL KUMARI BHANDARI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up National Environment Commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c). The matter is under examination.

Uneconomic Railway Lines

7249. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government classifies railways lines as remunerative and un-remunerative;

(b) if so, the total kilometers of railways lines in each classified category;

(c) the total kilometers of railway lines that are used in suburban railways in Bombay, Calcutta and Madras;

(d) the marginal cost of these suburban railways for the last three years; and

(e) the marginal cost of railway lines in Uttar Pradesh for the last three years, for both remunerative and un-remunerative lines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). A review is conducted every year to determine the un-

remunerativeness of branch railways lines only. The total length of the branch lines found unremunerative during 1990-91 was about 7700 Kms.

(c) 1241.89 Kms. as on 31.3.1991 for EMU - Suburban services.

(d) The marginal cost of suburban services is not compiled.

(e) The information is not compiled State-wise.

Projection of Indian History in True Perspective

7250. SHRI PAWANKUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken any steps to ensure that text books do not foster communal feelings or bias against women and weaker sections of society;

(b) if so, the details thereof and

(c) the action taken to project Indian history in true nationalistic perspective?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Policy on Education (N.P.E.) 1986 envisaged a national system of education based on a National Curricular Framework containing core components including equality of sexes and removal of social barriers. These core curricular areas specified in the N.P.E. are also reflected in the National Curriculum Framework and syllabi and textbooks prepared by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) in history and other areas. A programme of textbook evaluation

has been undertaken to ensure that textbooks do not contain any material that may foster communal and casteist feelings and gender bias.

(c) The guidelines and syllabi as well as textbooks in history prepared by the NCERT have played a very important role in promoting an objective study of the past at the school stage.

Recognition to Schools in Rural Areas

7251. SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recognition to the schools in rural areas is given by the Central Board or Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan to improve the standard of education or to bring the standard at par with that of cities; and

(b) if so, the number of schools recognised so far in the rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Recognition to schools is given by the concerned State Government or Union Territory Administration and not by the Central Board of Secondary Education or Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan.

(b) As per the latest available data compiled by the NCERT in connection with Fifth All India Education Survey, out of total number of 735,771 schools (as on 30.9.86) in the country, 634,908 i.e. 86.29% of the total, were located in rural areas.

Aided Schools in Delhi

7252. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: