

velopment of selected tourist spots in Karnataka with the financial assistance of Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF), Japan. The project includes strengthening, development and upgradation of infrastructural facilities like wayside amenities, transport, accommodation, telecom facilities, augmentation of water and electricity supply, landscaping, development of human resources and construction/improvement of air strips, etc.

[English]

Renaming of stations in Bombay

3191. SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether representations have been received for changing of foreign names of stations in Bombay and its adjoining areas into suitable Indian names;

(b) if so, the action proposed to be taken in this regard;

(c) if not, reasons therefor?

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

(b) and (c) As per existing procedure any change in the names of the existing stations can be made only on the recommendation of the State Government concerned and with the concurrence of the Ministry of Home Affairs. Representationists were advised accordingly.

[English]

Rail accidents in Andhra Pradesh

3192. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of railway accidents occurred in Andhra Pradesh during the last four months; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken to prevent such accidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) and (b). Statistics of train accidents and related information are maintained railway zone wise and not State wise.

Operation Black Board

3193. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of school buildings taken up for execution in Andhra Pradesh under Operation Black Board Scheme are held up in the middle for want of funds; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

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

(b) According to the information made available by the State Govt. , 633 class rooms under Operation Black Board could not completed due to discontinuance of Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme/National Rural Employment Programme. Instructions have been issued by the State Govt. to the State Panchayat Raj Engineering Department to complete these using Jawahar Rojgar Yojana funds.

Spurious and Sub standard drugs menace

3194. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state: