

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) to (c). child care services are, inter alia provided under the schemes of Integrated Child Development Services, Creches/ Day care Centres for Children of Working and Ailing Women, Early Childhood Education, Wheat Based Nutrition Programme and Balwadi Nutrition Programme. There are 220 centrally sponsored Integrated Child Development Services projects sanctioned upto 1991. The scheme covers 10.80 lakh children and 2.38 lakh mothers. Scheme of Creche/Day Care centres for children of working and ailing women covers about 36,000 children, Wheat Based Nutrition Programme covers 2.55 lakh children and Balwadi Nutrition Programme covers about 12,000 children in Madhya Pradesh.

In addition, the Adolescent Girls Scheme is also being implemented in 48 blocks in Madhya Pradesh. The Government of India is to incur an expenditure of Rs. 50.7 lakhs on this Scheme in one year, in Madhya Pradesh, while the nutrition cost is to be borne by the State Government.

Further, the Government has undertaken an all round effort to bring about a convergence of all services related to women and children delivered by different Departments/Ministries of the Government on to Anganwadis. Appropriate instructions have been issued by the associated Ministries/Departments of the Government.

The entire ICDS Programme is being closely monitored through a computerized Management Information System on a monthly basis in respect of programme

coverage & health and nutrition status.

[*Translation*]

Rail Projects in Tribal and Hilly Areas

988. SHRIBHUWAN CHANDRA KHAN-DURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the expansion of railway lines undertaken by the Government in the backward, tribal and hilly areas particularly in the Pauri, Dehradun and Chamoli districts of Uttar Pradesh in Northern Railway during the last five years;

(b) whether there is any proposal to develop/reconstruct the railway stations of the area;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) Nil.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The facilities at the Railway stations of these areas are adequate for the level of traffic currently handled.

[*English*]

Doubling of Muradnagar - Meerut Line

989. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to double the railway line between Muradnagar and Meerut; and

(b) if so, the time by which the proposal is likely to be approved and implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

New Platform at Kuzuthurai

990. SHRI N. DENNIS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to construct a new platform at Kuzuthurai on the Trivandrum-Kanyakumari railway line; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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

(b) Work of construction of a high level platform at Kulitturai for a length of 193 Metres have been approved. The work will be taken up subject to availability of funds.

[*Translation*]

TPT Point at Gonda Junction

991. SHRI LAKSHMI NARAIN MANI TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Transshipment point at Gonda Junction has been closed down;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any representation has been received in this regard;

(d) if so, whether it is proposed to be reopened;

(e) whether arrangement for loading of goods from metre gauge to broadgauge trains exist on this junction; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) With a view to rationalise the working of transshipment points and eliminate such points where the traffic declined and the operation became uneconomical.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) to (f). Arrangements for transshipment still exist but there is no justification to reopen this point.

[*English*]

Frequency of Amarkantak Express

992. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a great public demand for daily running of Amarkantak Express;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) and (c) Examined but not found feasible due to operational and resource constraints.