

tion of bridge approaches by the National Highway Authorities.

(c) Rs. 4.83 crores

[*English*]

Electrification of Bangalore-Mysore Railway Line

966. SHRI G. MADE GOWDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted for the Electrification of Bangalore-Mysore railway line;

(b) if so, the estimated cost of the project; and

(c) the time by which the project is likely to be taken up for construction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) to (c). The cost-cum-feasibility survey for electrification of Bangalore-Mysore section will be undertaken during 1992-93. Final decision will, however depend upon the results of the study as well as availability of resources and priorities for electrification of other high density routes.

Grant to Hindi Vidyapith, Guwahati

967. SHRI PROBINA DEKA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have stopped giving grant to Hindi Vidyapith, Guwahati under the auspices of Asom Ras-trabhasha Prachar Samiti;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Government propose to revive the grant to the Vidyapith?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c). Under the Scheme of Assistance to Voluntary Hindi Organisations for Promotion of Hindi, grants have been sanctioned to Asom Rastrabhasha Prachar Samiti, Guwahati. During the current Financial Year, a grant of Rs. 13,70,550/- has been released to the Organisation. Besides, an additional grant of Rs. 1,36,500/- has been approved, which is being released, separately.

No proposal for Financial Assistance from Hindi Vidyapith, Guwahati is pending consideration of the Government.

Tarapur-Bhavnagar Railway Line

968. DR. K.D. JESWANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for construction of Tarapur-Bhavnagar railway line in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the estimated cost of the project; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Constraint of resources.

Treatment of Myopia

969. SHRI AVTAR SINGH BHADANA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether myopia (acute/normal) is curable these days by corrective diamond/

laser surgery based on latest Japanese/Russian/American techniques;

(b) if so, the details in this regard alongwith the names of the Government Hospitals in Delhi and other major cities where these facilities are available;

(c) whether C.G.H.S. beneficiaries can also avail those facilities available in private eye clinics/hospitals in the country on Government expenditure;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Myopia is not curable but is corrected by spectacles and by a surgical technique namely Radial keratotomy. This technique was popularised by Russian ophthalmologists. In this technique surgery on the cornea is done either by Diamond knife or Excimer laser.

(b) Radial Keratotomy is performed routinely in cases of myopia in Russia, USA and Japan. In India this technique is practised in Government Hospitals like Dr. R.P. Centre for Ophthalmic Services, AIIMS, Guru Nanak Eye Centre, Delhi. The facility is available in hospitals of major cities and with private practitioners in Bombay Madras, Calcutta, Indore, Hyderabad, Bangalore, etc.

(c) to (e). If this treatment is recommended by C.G.H.S. specialists the beneficiaries can avail the facility from Government recognised/referral hospital.

Regional Offices of U.G.C.

970. SHRIMATI MAHENDRA KUMARI:
SHRIMATI RITA VERMA:

PROF. UMMAREDDY BANDARU:

DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up regional offices of the University Grants Commission;

(b) if so, location thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the progress made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c). UGCA has taken a decision in principle, to set up its regional offices in different parts of the country. No decision on the location of these offices has been taken.

Quality of Condoms

971. SHRI TARA CHAND KHANDELWAL:
SHRIGEORGE FERNANDES:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item Captioned "Indian Condoms of poor quality WHO" appearing in the Indian Express dated January 7, 1992;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to improve the quality of condoms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY