

of admissions in kendriya Vidyalayas by special dispensation ;

(b) if so, the terms of reference of the Committee;

(c) whether it has submitted its report;

(d) if so, the details of the recommendations made; and

(e) the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b). The Board of Governors constituted a sub-Committee under the Chairman of Shri Chandulal Chandrakar, M. P. and then member of Board of Governors to discuss the following matters pertaining to admission of students to Kendriya Vidyalayas:-

- (i) Giving powers to Chairman, Vidyalaya Management Committee for granting admission in relaxation of the guidelines.
- (ii) Increasing the number of 20 seats allotted to the employees of the Ministry of External Affairs so as to include children of Research and Analysis Wing employees.
- (iii) Reserving some seats for the children of the employees of the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Bombay in the Kendriya Vidyalayas at Colaba, Bombay.
- (iv) Giving powers to Chairman, Kendriya Vidyalayas Sangathan for granting admission in Kendriya Vidyalayas on the basis of special dispensation.

(c) to (e). The Sangathan received or-

ders of the Chairman dated 3.8.1988 that special dispensation admission should be possible in the larger social considerations. The decision to have special dispensation admissions has been approved by the succeeding Chairman also.

[Translation]

Railways Passes to Journalists

4219. SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI:
SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the norms adopted for issue of tree railway passes to the accredited journalists; and

(b) the total number of the accredited journalists to whom railway passes have been issued so far during the last two years, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) It is presumed that the Hon'ble Member is referring to the issue of Complimentary Card Passes. There is no provision for issue of such Complimentary Card Passes to accredited journalists as such.

(b) Does not arise.

[English]

Lakshmikantapur-Namkhana Budge Budge Line

4220. SHRI RADHIKA RANJAN PRAMANIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the year in which the construction work of Lakshmikantapur-Namkhana and Budge Budge-Namkhana railway lines was stated;

(b) the funds spent thereon so far and the total kilometer of lines constructed;

(c) the kilometers of lines yet to be constructed and the funds required to complete the project;

(d) whether there is any proposal for extension of this line from Namkhana to Bakkhali to encourage tourism; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) Work on Lakshmikantapur-Namkhana Railway line was stated in 1987.

(b) The expected expenditure on the project upto 31.3.92 is Rs. 16.76 crores. 9 km of the project is expected to be completed by 31.3.92

(c) The present sanctioned cost of the work is Rs. 39.16 crores. As per this, an amount of Rs. 22.40 crores would be required to complete the balance 38 kms. of the line.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Coaching Institutions

4221. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the Institutions like Open School and School of Correspondence Courses under Central Board of Secondary Education and Delhi Administration respectively are providing coaching at Secondary

and senior secondary levels with Mathematics as an optional subject;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to set up such more Institutions in Delhi to ease load on existing Institutions;

(d) if so the details thereof; and

(e) if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b). The National Open Schools (NOS) an autonomous organisation offers Secondary and Senior Secondary courses through distance teaching methods and conducts its own examinations. Patrachar Vidyalaya an institution under the control of Delhi Administration offers correspondence courses in accordance with the Scheme of Studies of the Central Board of Secondary Education. Mathematics is an optional subject for students of both NOS and Patrachar Vidyalaya at Secondary and Senior Secondary levels.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The Nos and Patrachar Vidyalaya are adequate to cater to the needs of their respective target clientele in Delhi.

Rail Link From Ramagundam to Latur

4222. SHRI DATTATRAYA BADARU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS pleased to state:

(a) whether a survey for laying of new railway line between Ramagundam and Latur was conducted long back;