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Expansion of I.C.D.S. Scheme during Seventh Plan

1946. SHRI LAKSHMAN MAL-LICK : Will the Minister of SOCIAL AND WOMEN'S WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to expand the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme during the Seventh Plan in order to achieve 60 per cent coverage of child population by 1990; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard? THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL AND WO-MEN'S WELFARE (SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR): (a) and (b). Government have decided to expand the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme in a phased manner during the Seventh Five Year Plan period. It is not possible to indicate the precise extent of coverage by the year 1990. In the expansion of this programme, priority is given to areas predominantly inhabited by scheduled tribes and scheduled casts and to urban slums.

Arrangement of Second Class Coaches for Clearing the Summer Rush to Varanasi

1947. SHRI RAJ KUMAR RAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the difficulties of the travelling passengers of Uttar Pradesh between Delhi-Varanasi, Bombay-Varanasi, Howrah-Varanasi and Madras-Varanasi due to insufficient arrangement of Second Class coaches in trains; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take to clear the summer rush between above places ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (1) and

(b). There are 5 pairs of trains serving passengers desirous of travelling between Delhi and Varanasi, 2 pairs for passengers travelling between Varanasi and Bombay, 8 pairs for passengers travelling between Varanasi and Howrah and one pair between Varanasi and Madras. These tiains carry adequate number of Second class coaches. During the ensuing summer season 20 pairs are planned to be run between Varanasi and Bombay V.T., 9 pairs between Dehradun and Howrah serving Varanasi subject to offering of adequate passenger traffic, For passengers desirous of travelling to' from Delhi existing train services shall be augumented to the extent feasible subject to traffic offering.

Jammu-Udhampur Rail Line

1948. SHRI JANAK RAJ GUPTA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in regard to the construction of Jammu-Udhampur railway line in Jammu and Kashmir State; and

(b) the time by which this line is likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The overall progress is about 4.5%, Acquisition of land and construction formation of bridges and tunnels are in progress in the first Block Section between Jammu Tawi and Bejalta in a length of 11.05 Kms.

(b) The completion of the project will depend on availability of resources in the coming years.

Modernisation and Electrification of Ranaghat-Gede Section of Eastern Railway

1949. SHRIMATI GEETA MU-KHERJEE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :