

Proposal for opening of new Railway Stations in Gujarat

5940. SHRI AMARSINH RATHAWA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to open new railway stations during the next three years, if so, the details thereof and the number of new railway stations likely to be opened in each Zone and particularly in Western Zone; and

(b) what steps are being taken to construct new rail lines and open new railway stations in the Gujarat State during the next three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) New railway stations are opened on the existing as well as the new railway lines. These proposals are considered on the basis of the prima facie needs of the traffic and development or to meet operational requirements. This is a continuous process with the railways and they are taken up as and when the need arises therefor, and no specific schedule has been fixed for the next three years.

(b) Priority has been given to Bhuj-Naliya new M.G. line project and it is expected that it will be completed and opened within the next 3 years subject to overall availability of resources. Stations on this line will be opened and developed in a phased manner depending on development of traffic.

Reservation of seats for Scheduled Castes Scheduled Tribes students in central schools

5941. SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan issued instructions to all the Kendriya Vidyalayas in August, 1978 to ensure that the quota reserved for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes

students was utilized to maximum possible extent and for that purpose issued certain guide lines;

(b) if so, details of the instructions and guidelines issued in this regard;

(c) whether any assessment has been made as to how far these instructions, guidelines and other decisions are actually being followed by various Kendriya Vidyalayas; and

(d) if so, the particulars thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K.C. PANT) : (a) to (d) No instructions were issued in August, 1978 regarding the quota reserved for Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribes. However, guidelines for admission in Kendriya Vidyalayas for the year 1979-80, issued in March/April, 1979, contained provision regarding reservation for Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe children. Similar guidelines are issued to the Principals every year. Admission guidelines are followed by the Principals of Kendriya Vidyalayas while making admissions.

Non-formal education and criteria for providing funds to States

5942. SHRI BIMAL KANTI GHOSH :
SHRI DEBI GHOSAL :

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) the total expenditure incurred on Non-formal education Scheme made in 1984-85 and progress in different States;

(b) the criteria for providing funds to the States/Union Territories by the Centre for Non-Formal Education; and

(c) steps taken to cater to the spread of non-formal elementary education ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) A total amount of Rs. 11.96 crores was released

to 9 educationally backward States viz. Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Jammu & Kashmir, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal for expenditure on Non-Formal Education during 1984-85 which included expenditure on 1.62 lakh centres with an estimated coverage of 34 lakhs children.

(b) Central assistance is provided to 9 educationally backward States for implementation of the scheme including opening of centres, on a 50:50 sharing basis and for opening centres exclusively for girls on a 90:10 sharing basis.

(c) (i) In addition to the grants to the States, voluntary organization in these States are given assistance on 100% basis for opening non-formal education centres.

(ii) Voluntary organizations running academic institutions and/or engaged in educational research as well as Government agencies engaged in such programmes in any part of the country are given assistance on 100% basis for experimental/innovative projects on Non-Formal Education;

(iii) Awards are given to educationally backward States for excellence of performance in enrolment of girls under Non-Formal Education.

(iv) Commodity assistance in the form of paper was given to most of the States and Union Territories for production of teaching-learning materials for use in non-formal education.

New Rail Lines and Conversion of Lines in Tamil Nadu

5943. SHRI M. MAHALINGAM : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to State :

(a) whether there is any proposal to lay new rail lines and to convert the metre gauge lines into broad gauge in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount allocated towards the above schemes during Seventh Plan?

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

(b) Project is approved and is in different sections for a B.G. line from Karur to Dindigul, a parallel B.G. line from Dindigul to Madurai, conversion of MG line from Madurai to Maniachi and a parallel B.G. line from Tirunelveli to Tuticorin. Of this, the parallel B.G. line from Tirunelveli to Millivattan has recently been completed as a siding.

(c) Amount allocated for this project is not known as the Seventh Plan is still under finalisation.

Representation for Admission to SR. Navyug Schools of N.D.M.C.

5944. SHRI LAKSHMAN MALLICK : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) Whether the parents of the children reading in the Junior Navyug Schools of New Delhi Municipal Committee, have approached the Government for admission of their children in Senior Navyug Schools on the pattern of Kendriya Schools after their passing Junior School stage;

(b) Whether Government are aware that children of Junior Schools are facing difficulties in getting admission in senior schools for the last so many years due to lack of seats and other factors;

(c) Whether Government propose to open Senior Schools or upgrade the Junior Schools to provide admission facilities to students studying in Junior Schools;

(d) Whether Government propose to open Junior as well as Senior Navyug Schools in New Delhi as well as in Old Delhi, as this facilities is limited at present to New Delhi only; and