

(a) whether it is a fact that National Medical Library, New Delhi is catering to the needs of Medical Colleges in the capital only and if so, what are the types of facilities available in Delhi and its obligations to various colleges outside New Delhi;

(b) whether there is any proposal to start such Regional Medical Libraries in various parts of India ;

(c) whether any such proposal has been received from any State and the measures taken in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) The National Medical Library is catering to the needs of the Medical Colleges in Delhi as also those of other Medical Colleges, Research Institutions and Practitioners in the country. It provides bibliographical services, photo-copying services, Medline services, inter-library-loan and reading room facilities which are available to all the persons engaged in health or health related activities in any part of country.

(b) to (d). The proposal to start regional Medical Libraries in some part of the country is receiving the attention of the Government.

Supply of Anti-T. B. Drugs

6974. DR. G. VIJAYA RAMA RAO : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are actively considering the proposal of the Tuberculosis Association of India to make supply of anti-T. B. drugs a 100 per cent centrally sponsored scheme; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) and (b). The proposal to classify the scheme of supply of material and equipment and anti-TB drugs to States under the National Tuberculosis Control Programme as a 100 per cent Centrally Sponsored Scheme during 6th Plan has been considered by the Government of

India in consultation with the Planning Commission and the view taken was to continue the Programme on 50:50 basis. The same pattern has been continued during first year of the 7th Plan.

Introduction of a Direct Rail Service between Rayagada and Rourkela

6975. SHRI RADHAKANTA DIGAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no direct rail service between Rayagada and Rourkela in Orissa;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to provide a direct rail service between these two important places; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to implement the above proposal ?

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

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Expansion of Railway Wagon Repairing Unit, Raipur M.P.

6976. KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have a proposal for expansion of Railway Wagon Repairing unit, Raipur in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, when the above proposal is likely to be taken up; and

(c) the number of skilled and non-skilled workers who are presently engaged in this Railway Wagon Repairing Unit ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) There is a proposal for increasing the capacity of Raipur Workshop for periodical overhaul of Broad Gauge Wagons.

(b) The proposal would be taken up for consideration depending upon the materialisation of workload and also availability of funds.