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W. H. O. Report on Drinking

3645. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL : Will the Minister of SOCIAL AND WOMEN'S WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a WHO report has pointed out that drinking (liquor) habit is on the rise in developing countries;

(b) whether the report has covered India;

(c) if so, the findings of this report; and

(d) what is Government's own assessment in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL AND WOMEN'S WELFARE (SHRIMATI MARAGATHAM CHANDRASEKHAR) : (a) to (d) No report has so far been received by the Government.

Proposal for Indian Institute of Technology in Kerala

3646. SHRI T. BASHEER : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that Kerala State does not have a technical institution of the level of Indian Institute of Technology with facilities for advance

studies and research work in Science and Technology and Engineering; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take steps to establish an 'Indian Institute of Technology' in Kerala ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) and (b) The Indian Institutes of Technology are national institutes providing facilities for education, training and research in engineering and technology at the highest level and have an All India character. These institutes are not set up on a State-wise basis. At present, there is no proposal before the Government to establish an Indian Institute of Technology in Kerala.

Doubling of Rail Lines in Kerala

3647. SHRI T. BASHEER : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) which are the rail lines presently being doubled in Kerala;

(b) the funds allotted to each of these lines during the Sixth Plan;

(c) out of the allotted funds how much has since been spent on each line; and

(d) when each line is expected to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (d) A statement is attached.