

(c) In cases where the DTC staff is found at fault, suitable departmental action is taken against them.

Effect of Homoeopathic Drugs for treatment of Meningitis and manufacture of vaccine

4301. DR. G. V. RAMA RAO : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item "Homoeopathic Drugs more effective in meningitis" appearing in the Hindustan Times dated 22 March, 1985;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether Government have any plans to start manufacturing of vaccines and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether our Vaccine and Sera Research Laboratories have failed to perform their functions in developing vaccines for diseases such as meningitis which are being imported ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy has been instructed to take suitable measures to set up study teams for investigation treatment including prophylactic measures whenever incidence of disease or epidemics are reported in any part of the country.

(c) and (d). Our Vaccine and Sera Research Laboratories are geared to produce most of the vaccines and sera which are required for the implementation of National Health Programmes including immunisation schemes.

[Translation]

Connecting Jodhpur Express with Agra Fort Express at Samdari Junction

4302. SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER

JAIN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a difference of only 15 minutes between the arrival time of Jodhpur Express coming from Ahmedabad and departure time of Agra Fort Express going from Jodhpur to Barmer in the early morning at Samdari Junction;

(b) if so, whether due to the above difference in timings the passengers alighting from Jodhpur Express at Samdari Junction are not able to take advantage of Agra Fort Express for going to Balotra and Barmer; and

(c) if so, whether a change is proposed to be made in the time table for connecting these trains at Samdari for the benefit of passengers going to Balotra and Barmer ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) The difference between arrival of 265 Up Jodhpur Express and departure of 207 Up Agra Fort Express is 20 minutes at Samdari Junction.

(b) and (c). The feasibility of providing connection 265 Up Jodhpur Express and 207 Agra Fort Express at Samdari Junction has been examined but not found operationally feasible.

[English]

Amount proposed to be spent on Computerised Reservation and Freight Booking

4303. SHRI E. S. M. PAKKER MOHAMED : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Railways are introducing computers for reservations and freight bookings;

(b) if so, what is the total amount likely to be spent on computers; and

(c) what is the likely benefit the public is likely to get by this modernisation ?

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

(b) Introduction of computerisation of Passenger Reservation in Delhi Area is likely to cost approximately Rs. 11.8 crores and that for Freight Management about Rs. 520 crores of which Rs. 170 crores would be for the computer segment and Rs. 350 crores for communication segment.

(c) The computerisation of Passenger Reservation and Freight Management would bring about substantial improvement in the quality of service offered by Railways to its users. The freight management system would in addition improve the utilisation of rolling stock assets.

Recommendations of the Committee for International Cooperation in Higher Education

4304. SHRI RAM SWAROOP RAM : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) the terms and modalities worked out by the visiting team from Britain representing the Committee for International Cooperation in Higher Education with the University Grants Commission in the matter of providing facilities to research students and teachers of Indian Universities; and

(b) the further links envisaged between the institutions in Britain and India for growth of inter-university culture of the two countries ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) and (b). According to the information made available by the University Grants Commission, four-member British team representing the Committee for International Cooperation in Higher Education recently visited India to familiarise itself with the various aspects of Indian Higher Education at first hand and to discuss with the University Grants Commission and the University Departments the progress of the Academic Link Interchange Scheme (ALIS) as also the steps to be taken to further develop this programme. The report of the Team is awaited by the Commission.

[Translation]

Allotment of Coal wagons to Madhya Pradesh

4305. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH : SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Madhya Pradesh is being allotted only 30.9 per cent of its total requirement of coal wagons by Government of India and whether the Superintendent, Movement Railway (Traffic) Coal and Divisional Superintendent, Bilaspur impose further 50 per cent cut on this allotment and thus only 15 per cent wagons are being allotted to the actual user units;

(b) whether the Ministry are aware of the fact that the imposition of this cut on the allotment is adversely affecting the production and business of the actual user units; and

(c) the action being taken in this regard ?

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

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

Conversion of Jabalpur-Gondia Rail Line

4306. SHRI M. L. JHIKRAM : SHRI AJAY MUSHRAN :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Uneconomic Branch Line Committee had included Jabalpur-Gondia narrow gauge line on South Eastern Railway in their report submitted in 1969 ;

(b) when the survey work for conversion of the said line into broad gauge line was completed;

(c) the action taken by the Ministry in this regard; and

(d) whether construction of this rail line