

(a) and (b) A sub-centre with a midwife (Auxillary Nurse Midwife now known as female Multi-purpose Worker) was provided for every 10,000 rural population, upto the end of Vth Five Year Plan. In order to provide better coverage, it was decided to have a midwife (sub-centre) for every 5,000 rural population in a phased manner. In order to achieve this norm about 1.3 lakhs sub-centres are required in the country. About 80,000 sub-centres are likely to be in position by the end of VIth Plan. It is proposed to establish additional 50,000 sub-centres during the VII Five Year Plan.

Beside the midwives, maternity services at village level are provided by dais. About 5.03 lakhs dais have already been trained.

Rajdhani Type Superfast Train Between Delhi and Bhubaneswar.

1330. SHRI BRAJA MOHAN MOHANTY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

- (a) whether any Rajdhani type Super fast train connecting Delhi with Bhubaneswar is being introduced ; and
(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) No Sir,

(b) Does not arise.

Abolition of Post of Demonstrators in Colleges and Universities

1331. KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the University Grants Commission has recommended the abolition of the post of Demonstrators in Colleges and Universities ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) recommendations to the States, if any, on the subject by the University Grants Commission ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K C. PANT) (a) and (b)

While recommending the revision of payscales for teachers in universities and colleges in 1973, the UGC had recommended that while the existing incumbents of these posts might be sanctioned the revised scale, no appointments should be made to this category of teachers in future. It was also recommended that facilities should be provided to existing tutors and demonstrators to improve their qualifications with a view to their ultimate appointment as lecturers.

(c) The above recommendations have been communicated to the universities and State Governments.

Economic Independence of Women

1332. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL : Will the Minister of SOCIAL AND WOMEN'S be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the slow progress in the economic emancipation of women in rural areas is due to the lack of vocational opportunities ;

(b) whether in addition the Social taboos prevent them to take to modern education and avail opportunities and are contributing towards their slow progress and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to improve the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL AND WOMEN'S WELFARE (SHRIMATI M. CHANDRA SEKHAR) : (a) Yes, Sir. This is one of the reasons,

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Ministry of Social and Women's Welfare implements schemes such as socio-economic programmes with the object of helping women to set up small production units, training-cum-production units etc. through the Central Social Welfare Board ; training programmes for rehabilitation of women through voluntary organisations and scheme for training-cum-production