

(b) by what time it would operate its functioning; and

(c) the progress so far made for this purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) to (c) Earlier, a decision had been taken to set up a Railways Catering Corporation to manage the catering services on the Railways. In the mean time, however, India Tourism Development Corporation have been commissioned to modernise and improve the catering arrangements at New Delhi Railways Station as a Pilot Project. Based on the experience derived from this project, further steps to be taken in this direction will be reviewed.

Adult Education Programme

1347. **SHRI MOHAN BHAI PATEL :**
SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA :

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) the total allocation for the programme of adult education in the country for 1984-85 and 1985-86;

(b) whether any foreign assistance is being sought for the adult education programmes; and

(c) the various programmes to teach and train the rural youths ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K.C. PANT) : (a) The total allocation both Central and State Sector for adult education programme in the country during 1984-85 is Rs. 61.71 crores. The outlay approved for central Sector for 1985-86 is Rs. 39.00 crores. The outlay for the State Sector is yet to be finalized.

(b) No, Sir. However, as a measure of supplementing the on-going adult education programmes, UNICEF is assisting a project of Non-formal Education for women and Girls under which a sum of Rs. 6,41,490 incurred on the project during 1984-85 will be reimbursed by the UNICEF. The second project aims at

integration of population education with adult education. An agreement has been signed with the United Nations Fund for Population Activities for implementation of a preparatory project, which will commence from June, 1985. UNFPA will contribute an amount of US dollars 85,918.

(c) The various programmes designed to impart literacy, functionality and awareness to adult illiterates in the age group 15-35 including rural youths are :

- (i) Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Rural Functional Literacy Project;
- (ii) State Adult Education Programme;
- (iii) Literacy projects run by Voluntary Agencies;
- (iv) Literacy projects run by Universities/Colleges and by Nehru Yuvak Kendras; and
- (v) Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Post-literacy and Follow-up Programme.

Construction of Fourth Track Between Bhadreswar and Sheoraphull

1348. **SHRI ANIL BASU :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering to construct a fourth track between Bhadreswar and Sheorapuli for smooth running of trains; and

(b) if so, when and the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) and (b). A survey for augmentation of line capacity between Sheoraphuli and Bandel section including Tarakeshwar Branch has been taken up. Engineering field survey has been completed and recess work is in progress. A decision on the proposal will be taken after the survey report has been received, and the same examined subject to availability of funds.