

vedic colleges and the steps being taken to make them more absorbable ;

(c) what are the drawbacks that an Ayurvedic graduate suffers from when compared to an Allopathic graduate, all other factors being the same ; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to lessen the drawbacks ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) As per information available, at the end of 1981, 1982 and 1983, 5962, 6721 and 6874 graduates in Ayurveda respectively were on the live Registers of the Employment Exchanges in India.

(b) As per information available, the out-turn of graduates from Ayurvedic colleges every year is approximately 2000 per annum. The professionally qualified graduates have several avenues open to them including private practice, service in Governmental and non-Governmental organisations etc.

(c) and (d) Each system of medicine has its own merits and demerits. Employments of personnel and service condition in the public sector are based on various criteria and recommendations of Pay Commissions etc., who keep in view all the relevant factors in determining pay scales and service conditions.

Use and Experiment of Anti-Malaria Vaccines Developed by American Scientists

2669. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the 'Times of India' dated 27 October, 1985 that it has been decided to import an anti-Malaria Vaccine developed by an American Scientist ; and

(b) if so, the details regarding its use and experiments, if any, made by Indian scientists ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) and (b) The Government have seen the subject news item. According to the information available, some scientists of the New York University Medical Centre have developed malaria vaccine against the Sporozoite stage of the malaria parasite. Its clinical trials on human being are understood to be carried out in three phases. Phase I trials are contemplated by the end of early 1986. Since the vaccine is still not ready for clinical use, the question of its import does not arise.

Howrah Bridge

2670. DR. B.L. SHAILESH : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news item captioned 'Howrah bridge is falling down...' appearing in the Hindustan Times, New Delhi dated 9th November, 1985 ; and

(b) if so, what timely steps Government propose to take to save this monumental bridge from dying ?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) M/s. Rail India Technical and Economic Services, New Delhi (RITES) in association with Central Road Research Institute, Consulting Engineers Limited and the original designer of the Bridge have been appointed to examine the stability of the structures and suggest necessary measures.

Increase in Goods Loading

2671. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been any increase in the goods loading by the Railways during the first half of current financial year (1985-86) as compared to the corresponding figures for the same period last year ;

(b) if so, the nature and content of increase in each zone ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by the Railway Board and the Zonal Railways to show better performance ?

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

(b) The loading is more as compared to the corresponding period last year in almost all the sectors. Zone-wise loading position of revenue earning traffic is given below :

(In million tonnes)

Railway	APRIL TO SEPTEMBER	
	1984-85	1985-86
Central Railway	11.39	11.64
Eastern Railway	23.49	25.43
Northern Railway	8.55	10.11
North Eastern Railway	1.23	1.32
Northeast Frontier Railway	1.64	2.17
Southern Railway	6.26	6.52
South Central Railway	10.96	12.42
South Eastern Railway	37.36	39.75
Western Railway	10.21	10.60
Total	111.09	119.96

(c) Does not arise.

National Railway Users' Committees

2672. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the constitution of the National Railway Users' Committee, the nine Zonal Railway Users' Committees and the Corresponding Users' Committees for the Divisions under each Zone has since been completed ;

(b) if so, the names of the members of the Committees in respect of National Railway Users' Committee and the Northern Railway Users' Committee and the Divisional Users' Committees for Ferozpur and Delhi Divisions ; and

(c) if not, the names of such committees among them as have been constituted, the likely dates by which the remaining committees would be constituted and the reasons for delay in their constitution ?

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

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Divisional/Zonal Railway Users' Consultative Committees are in the process of reconstitution from 1-1-1986.

Kendriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeths during Seventh Plan

2673. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to open a number of Kendriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeths in the seventh five year plan for the promotion of sanskrit language and literature as also to provide coordination in the various Sanskrit Pathshalas and Schools in the concerned State regions ;

(b) if so, the names of the states in which such Vidyapeeths would be opened during the plan and the names of those functioning in the country at present, State-wise ; and

(c) whether any of the Vidyapeeths will be opened during the first year of the plan (1985-86) and the details thereof ?