

and Uppal under National Highway system ; and

(b) if so, the progress made to implement the proposal ?

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

(b) Owing to resources constraint, it has not been possible to accede to the request of the State Government of Andhra Pradesh.

**New Medication for Bronchitis Developed by Australian Medical Scientists**

**2755. SHRI MANIK REDDY :** Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a new medication for Bronchitis has been developed by Australian medical scientists ;

(b) whether Government have made any trials on this drug/medication in India ; and

(c) whether Indian medical scientists have been working on cure of Bronchitis and if so, results of such research studies made so far ?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) :** (a) The Government of India is not aware about the new medication for Bronchitis developed by Australian medical scientists.

(b) The question does not arise.

(c) The Indian Council of Medical Research, on autonomous organisation under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, has conducted research on chronic bronchitis and asthma in the past. But no specific drug to cure the cases of chronic bronchitis or asthma has been discovered so far. However, medicines for symptomatic relief of these cases are available patients remain comfortable by use of these drugs for a variable period.

**Sports Facilities for Rural India**

**2756. SHRI C. SAMBU :** Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that allotment of funds in five year plans to the sports development, coaching and facilities to the sportsmen in Rural India has been very meagre ;

(b) whether this is the main reason for poor performance in World competitions in the field of sports ; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to allot more funds in Seventh Five Year Plan to improve the Indian sports performance in World sport ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN'S WELFARE (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) :**

(a) & (b) Owing to constraints on resources, funds available for promotion of sports generally and in the rural areas particularly have been inadequate. This is considered one of the factors for the poor performance of national sports teams in world competitions.

(c) Substantially greater funds have been proposed for promotion of sports in the Seventh Five Year Plan, with a special emphasis on schemes for rural sport and discovering new sports talent.

**Railway over-bridge at Chirala Railway Station gate**

**2757. SHRI C. SAMBU :** Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct a railway over-bridge at Chirala Railway Station gate in South Central Railway to relieve the traffic jam due to frequent closing of the railway gate ;

(b) whether Chirala Municipality in its resolution asked S. C. Rly authorities that it would share the expenditure in construction of a rail-cum-road bridge at Chirala ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

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

(b) & (c) The Railways undertake construction of road over/under bridges in replacement of existing busy level crossings jointly with the State Governments on a cost sharing basis. The Chairman, Municipal Corporation of Chirala had asked for the construction of road over bridge at Chirala and had desired to know the share of the cost to be borne by the Municipality. He was advised by South Central Railway to get the proposal sponsored by the State Government. No proposal has so far been received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh.

**Abolition of Loco Steam Shed from Madhupur and Transfer of Workers**

2758. SHRI SALAHUDDIN : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to abolish the Loco Steam shed from Madhupur, Eastern Railway ;

(b) if so, whether this step is against the interest of Labour and efficiency ;

(c) if so, what is the next alternative arrangement ; and

(d) how many workers will be transferred from Madhupur Loco Shed, Eastern Railway due to this decision ?

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

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply to part (b).

(d) In normal course about 125 workers are likely to be involved in transfers. However, this number will be minimised and the impact of transfer on those likely to be affected reduced by adjustments.

**Nursing University in Kerala**

2759. SHRI T. BASHEER : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a Nursing University in Kerala ; and

(b) if so, details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) & (b) No formal proposal has been received.

**Book Fair in Patna by National Book Trust**

2760. SHRI SARFARAZ AHMAD : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Book Trust had announced to organise a book fair in Patna in September-October, 1985 and if so, the amount of expenditure incurred thereon so far ;

(b) the names of the publishers invited in this book-fair ; and

(c) whether this book-fair has been organised and if so, when ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) : (a) to (c) The total expenditure likely to be incurred by the National Book Trust on National Book Fair held in Patna from 2nd October to 10th October 1985 is about Rs.7.6 lakhs.

About 5000 publishers, book sellers and institutions were invited to participate in the fair. A list containing names of publishers who participated in the fair is given in the attached statement.