

Certain fast trains have got slowed down on major routes such as :

- (i) 7/8 Toofan Express, 13/14 Upper India Express and 81/82 A.C. Express on New Delhi-Calcutta route.
- (ii) 25/26 A.C. Express on Bombay-New Delhi Western Railway route.
- (iii) 57/58 Pathankot Express (now Dadar-Amritsar Express) on Bombay-Delhi Central Railway route.
- (iv) 17/18 Madras-Delhi Janta Express (now Madras-Jammu Tawi Express, on New Delhi-Madras route.

This slowing down has been on account of increase in the load of trains and additional stoppages given.

Technological improvements in the shape of better quality of rails, improved design of bogies and increasing the horse power of diesel/electric locos are being provided progressively with a view to accelerating the speed of trains.

As a tradition, passengers are used to a system of arriving at their destination city in the morning and leaving from those places in the evening/night hours after doing their whole days work. This does not allow the Railways to reduce the terminal lie-over of rakes to a great extent. However, changes in the rake links for improving the utilisation is a continuous process and in every Time Table the lie overs of a number of trains are reduced. This will be apparent from the coach utilisation figures which went up as follows :—

| Year | Vehicle Kms. per Vehicle day | |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|------|
| | B.G. | M.G. |
| 1980-81 | 314 | 186 |
| 1985-86 (April-June) | 367 | 212 |
| 1985-86 (Sept. prov) | 372 | 213 |

[English]

Urdu Academy in Kerala

*554. SHRI P.A. ANTONY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any representation for opening of an Urdu Academy in Kerala ; and

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.V. NARASIMA RAO) :

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

National Mental Health Programme Taken Up by National Institute of Mental Health and Neurological Science, Bangalore

5061. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Institute of Mental Health and Neurological Science (NIMHANS), Bangalore has taken up a National Mental Health Programme covering 12 centres ;

(b) if so, the name of the centres and the estimated expenditure on this programme during Seventh Plan period ; and

(c) salient features of the programme ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (c): The Committee of Experts has been set up by the Government to work out the details of the National Mental Health programme during the Seventh Five Year Plan period for which Rs. 1.50 crores has been provided. The recommendations, when received will be taken into consideration for the implementation of the National Mental Health Programme and its sub allocations.