

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b). There are no ad-hoc employees in the various offices of Shipping Corporation of India. However, there are some employees in the various offices of SCI who are paid ad hoc emoluments which are different than the emoluments paid to the regular employees.

(c) and (d). The Industrial Tribunal of Maharashtra has given an award in favour of the employees who are appointed on ad hoc emoluments basis by the SCI. The action to implement the award can be taken by the SCI only after the legal view with regard to filing of an appeal in the High Court against the award is taken. The Labour Court, Port Blair has also given an award in favour of 7 employees of SCI appointed in the Port Blair office on different terms and conditions from those of the regular employees. In this case, the Shipping Corporation of India has filed an appeal in the High Court of Calcutta against the award and the matter is, therefore, subjudice.

Proposal for a Bye-Pass from Majoleh to Rampur Road on National Highway No. 24

6956. SHRI HAFIZ MOHD. SIDDIQ : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether on the National highway No. 24 between Moradabad and Rampur great inconvenience is being caused to the residents of Moradabad due to congestion, pollution and traffic bottlenecks ;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal for a bye-pass from Majoleh to Rampur Road to ease the position in Moradabad ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. It is proposed to construct a bye-pass outside Moradabad town.

(c) Does not arise.

Manufacturing of quality Drugs as laid down by W.H.O.

6957. SHRI VISHNU MODI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that World Health Organisation has laid down good practices in the manufacture and quality control of drugs ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether these practices are being adopted by drug manufacturing companies in our country ; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) to (d). The World Health Organisation had recommended that Member States should comply with the requirements of "Good Practices in the Manufacture and Quality Control of Drugs".

Based on W.H.O. guidelines, Government has framed guidelines on good practices on manufacture and Quality Control of Drugs".

Based on W.H.O. guidelines, Government has framed guidelines on good practices on manufacture and quality control of drugs and has advised State Drug Controllers to ensure adoption of these guidelines while granting licences and renewal of licences to manufacturing units in their respective States.

Shortage of Vision Scientists

6958. SHRI NARENDRA BUDANIA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is acute shortage of vision scientists who are distinct from eye doctors in the country ;

(b) if so, what is the estimated number of eye specialists required in the country ; and

(c) whether any steps are being taken by Government to meet the shortage of eye-specialists in the country ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) There is no category recognised as vision scientists. There is, however, a shortage of eye doctors (Ophthalmologists), optometrists and ophthalmic assistants in the country.

(b) As against our need of approximately 16000 eye specialists at the rate of one eye specialist for 50000 population, the present availability is about 5000.

(c) Yes, Sir. Under the National Blindness Control Programme training facilities are being strengthened and increased in the number of seats is recommended as permissible under Medical Council of India.

Steps to make Teaching Profession Attractive

6959. PROF. RAMKRISHNA MORE : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have analysed the causes for the declining talent in teaching profession resulting in the production of sub-standard students ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) steps contemplated by Government to make the teaching profession attractive so as to attract the talented and motivated people to take up this profession ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI) : (a) to (c). The Government of India appointed two National Commissions on Teachers, one related to teachers in school education and the other related to teachers in higher education ; to advise on various aspects relevant to the teaching community measures needed for attracting and retaining talented persons in the teaching profession. The recommendations of these two Commissions are being examined by the Government.

Designing of Uniform for Air India's Personnel

6960. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Uniform for 4,000 of Air India's personnel has been designed by a French fashion designer ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) total amount spent for designing ; and

(d) total cost of uniform for each person ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Medicinal Value of 'Honey'

6961. SHRI T. BALA GOUD : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any research has been undertaken to establish the medicinal value of 'Honey' ; and

(b) if not, whether Government propose to initiate such a study at the Indian Council of Medical Research to establish the manifold medicinal value of honey ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) No, Sir. Only the nutritive value of 'Honey' has been worked out by the National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad, which is under the Indian Council of Medical Research.

(b) The Indian Council of Medical Research is not proposing to undertake any research on 'Honey' as the Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha, as well as the Central Council for Research in Yoga and Naturopathy at New Delhi are the proper organizations to undertake studies on medicinal value of 'Honey'.

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Electrification of Mughalsarai Asansol Rail Line

6962. SHRI KUNWAR RAM : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) Whether any scheme for electrifying rail line between Mughalsarai and Asansol has been sanctioned ;

(b) if so, by what time and the phases in which it is likely to be completed ; and