

Over-Bridge at Khammam (Andhra Pradesh)

6092. SHRI SODE RAMAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for construction of a railway over-bridge at Khammam in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the action being taken thereon; and

(c) if no action is being taken, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The State Government has not yet sponsored to the Railway any proposal in this regard.

Free Boarding and Lodging Facilities for Navodaya Vidyalaya Students

6093. SHRI K. RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether students studying in Navodaya Vidyalayas are not required to pay any tuition fee and they are provided free boarding and lodging and are also paid charges to go to their residences;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the likely recurring expenditure for a school with a student population of 500?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI): (a) and (b). The Navodaya Vidyalaya Scheme provides that education in Navodaya Vidyalayas, including board and lodging, as well as the expenses on uniform, textbooks, stationery, rail/bus fare from and to the homes etc. would be free for all students.

(c) So far no Vidyalaya is functioning with a strength of 500 students. However the recurring expenditure on a Vidyalaya with 500 students and other complement staff and other facilities would be around Rs. 40.00 lakhs per annum.

New Coaches and Regular Pantry-Car Service in Neelachal and Puri Expresses

6094. SHRI SOMNATH RATH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the coaches attached to Neelachal and Puri Expresses are very old and are not cleaned properly;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to provide new coaches on these two trains;

(c) if not, the alternate arrangements proposed to ensure cleanliness of the compartments;

(d) whether pantry-car service is not provided regularly in these trains and particularly in the Puri Express; and

(e) if so, whether Government propose to provide regular pantry-car service in those trains particularly in Puri Express?

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

(b) and (c). Question does not arise.