

National Loan-Scholarship Facility

2057. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have stopped the National Loan-Scholarship facilities in regard to higher education; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT OR (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) No Sir. The scheme has not yet been stopped.

(b) Does not arise.

Development of Sindhi Language

2058. DR. K.D. JESWANI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any development board has been set up for the development of Sindhi Language;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount spent on development of the Sindhi Language through this board during each of the last three years;

(d) whether Government propose to allocate more funds for the promotion of Sindhi Language in future; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) No sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

(d) Yes Sir.

(e) An allocation of Rs. 1.75 crores has been made for promotion and development of Sindhi language during the Eighth Five Year Plan (1992-97).

Shuttle Trains in Guwahati

2059. SHRI PROBIN DEKA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for introduction of Shuttle Trains from Barpeta Road and Chaparmukh to Guwahati on Northeast Frontier Railway in view of high density of commuters on these routes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c). A new Passenger train between New Bongaigaon and Guwahati serving Barpeta Road has been introduced w.e.f. 1-7-1992 for the benefit of commuters in the area. Due to operational constraints and lack of commercial justification at present there is no proposal to introduce any Shuttle service between Chaparmukh and Guwahati.

Passenger Traffic

2060. DR. VASANT PAWAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any fall in passenger traffic during the first quarter of current financial year as compared to last year;

(b) whether the Government propose to improve passenger facilities in accordance with the increase in fares;