

(b) and (c). Government has promulgated an Ordinance on 18.6.93. which enable State Governments to set up more than one District Forum in a district depending upon the work load. However, there is no provision to set up more than One State Commission in a State in the Ordinance.

New Railway Lines in Himachal Pradesh

1221. PROF. PREM DHUMAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for construction of new railway line between Bhanupal-Bilaspur-Rampur in Himachal Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken for early construction of these lines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) and (b). A proposal has recently been received from Chief Secretary Government of Himachal Pradesh. It has been referred to Northern Railway for working out cost, Rate of return, etc.

[*Translation*]

Admission in Delhi University

1222. SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR:
SHRI SATYA DEO SINGH:
SHRI SANT RAM SINGLA:
SHRI PARASRAM
BHARDWAJ:
SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN
SHARAN SINGH:
SHRI PIUS TIRKEY:
SHRIMATI PARTIBHA
DEVISINGH PATIL:
SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA
GAVIT:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of students who have applied for admission to various courses in Delhi University this year;

(b) the number of students out of those who got admission;

(c) the percentage of seats reserved for SC/ST students and the number of SC/ST students who actually got admission;

(d) whether the Government propose to open any new college this year; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE): (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b). As many students apply for admission to more than one course and in more than one college simultaneously and the process of admission is still on, it is not possible to indicate, at this stage, the precise number of students who have submitted applications for seeking admissions in various Delhi colleges and the number of students who got admission in different colleges. However, according to the University of Delhi, on the basis of past experience and the number of students passing Class XII examination of CBSE from Delhi schools, it is estimated that 50,000 to 55,000 students could have applied for admissions to different courses against whom the University has an intake capacity of about 30,000 students in regular colleges, 6,000 students in the Non Collegiate Womens Education Board and 20,000 students in the School of Correspondence Courses and Continuing Education.

(c) the University has informed that

there is a provision for reservation of seats to the extent of 15% for Scheduled Castes and 7.5% for Scheduled Tribes in the colleges. The annual registration of these categories is little below 6,000. Therefore, the University would be able to consider cases of all SC/ST students who get themselves registered with the University for various undergraduate courses.

(d) and (e). a proposal for opening a new degree college for women in Najafgarh area by the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi is under consideration of the University of Delhi.

[English]

Modhosingh Allahabad Train

1223. SHRI HARIN PATHAK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a single train that used to run between Modhosingh and Allahabad, has been cancelled;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken to restore the above train?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) to (c). Allahabad-Madhosingh section has been blocked for conversion from Metre Gauge to Broad Gauge. Broad Gauge trains will run on the section after conversion work is completed, later this year.

"Oak Forest"

1224. SHRI BIJOY KRISHNA HANDIQUE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Govern-

ment has been drawn to the gradual replacement of the Oak by pine, a species of commercial value but not eco-friendly, in the Garhwal arrange; and

(b) if so, the measures the Government contemplate to protect/grow Oak forest in the Himalayan eco-system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b). Both Pine and Oak are eco-friendly species within their eco systems. These occur naturally in the Garhwal range in mutually exclusive zones, pine occurring on exposed slopes and oak occurring on sheltered valleys. Forest management practices adopted and plantation programmes carried out in the region encourage conservation and propagation of both the species.

Accident on Pathankot-Bajjnath Section

1225. MAJ. D.D. KHANORIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a train accident took place in December 1991 on the narrow gauge of Pathankot-Bajjnath section of the Northern Railway;

(b) if so, the main causes of that accident;

(c) the number of persons killed/injured therein; and

(d) the details of compensation provided to the victims?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The accident occurred on account of high speed of the train resulting in over-