

**Fast Train on Delhi-Jind and
Kalka-Delhi**

144. SHRI NARAIN SINGH
CHOUDHARY
SHRI DHARAM PAL SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to introduce regular and fast train service on Delhi-Jind and Kalka-Delhi routes on broad-gauge line to meet the Public demand of these areas; and

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). At present there is no proposal to introduce any additional train on these sections.

Tamluk-Digha Line

145. SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA:
SHRI SUDHIR GIRI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount spent so far on the construction of Tamluk-Digha railway line (South Eastern Railway); and

(b) the progress made so far on this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Rs. 16.02 crores upto December, 91.

(b) 11% upto December, 91.

Public Schools in Delhi

146. SHRI DHARAM PAL SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of public schools in Delhi at present;

(b) whether the Government propose to abolish public schools with a view to provide equal opportunities of education both for the rich and the poor;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) According to Delhi Administration, there are 497 unaided recognised schools in Delhi.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d). In Delhi, various kinds of schools are run by the Delhi Administration, New Delhi Municipal Committee, Municipal Corporation of Delhi, Trusts & Societies, etc. catering to the educational needs of public under the provisions of Delhi School Education Act, 1973. It would not be appropriate or feasible to abolish any schools or groups of schools.

Percentage of Literacy

147. SHRI DHARAM PAL SINGH MALIK:
KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI SINGH:

SHRI P.G.NARAYANAN:

SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES:

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