

(b) The question does not arise.

### **Neral-Matheran Railway Service**

2311. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to frequent shutdown of Neral-Matheran Railway Service, tourists have to face great inconvenience;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to replace the old diesel engines on this line with new diesel engines to ensure regular railway service on this line;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Besides closing down the section during the monsoon season, cancellation has also been done on account of overaged condition of the locos & their non-availability.

(c) and (d). Action has been initiated to procure new locos.

(e) Does not arise.

### **Indian Education Service**

2312. SHRI JAGMEET SINGH BRAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government to intro-

duce Indian Educational Service throughout the Country on the lines of Civil Services;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have invited views of State Government in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARISELJA): (a) to (d). The Programme of Action (POA) 1992 provides for the establishment of Indian Education Service (IES) as an essential step towards promoting a national perspective on management of Education. It further provides that basic principles, functions on procedures of recruitment of this service should be decided in consultation with the State Governments. Accordingly States have been requested to furnish their detailed comments on the constitution of IES. So far comments of Goa and Karnataka have only been received.

### **Direct Train from Bokaro to Howrah**

2313. SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce a direct express train from Bokaro to Howrah via Purulia-Adra; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.