

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to promote homoeopathy in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) A "National Seminar on Homoeopathy" was organised in New Delhi on 23rd & 24th March, 1985 by Delhi State Branch of Homoeopathic Medical Association of India.

(b) The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare have not received the recommendations/resolutions of the Seminar,

(c) The Government have been making concerted efforts for the development of Homoeopathic System of Medicine. The Central Council of Homoeopathy is regulating Homoeopathic education and practice in the country and the Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy is developing and coordinating Scientific Research and different aspects of this System.

The Government is developing the National Institute of Homoeopathy and the Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeia Lab. The Government is also giving grants to the Private Homoeopathic Colleges in the country for setting up of Book Banks and purchase of Laboratory equipments,

UGC Southern Region Headquarters at Madras

2728. SHRI R. ANNANAMBI : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government is proposing to have an office of University Grants Commission for Southern Region headquarters at Madras ; and

(b) if so, when it is going to be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) No such proposal is under consideration.

(b) Does not arise.

Removal of stagnation in cadres of Assistant and U.D.C.

2729. SHRI RAM POOJAN PATEL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in order to remove stagnation in the cadres of Assistant and U. D. C. in the Ministry, some posts of Technical Assistants have been created for this cadre only ;

(b) if so, the number of such posts Directorate-wise and the criteria adopted to fill these posts ;

(c) whether it is a fact that still there are some promotee Assistants working in the same position and scale for the last 15 years ; and

(d) if so, the delay's thereof, Directorate-wise and the action Government propose to take to ensure that Assistants are given time-bound promotion to create more avenues in this regard so that their restiveness is cooled down ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) No additional posts of Technical Assistants have been created. However, 35 posts of Assistants in scale Rs. 425-800 (RS) have been temporarily upgraded as Technical Assistants in scale Rs. 700-900 (RS).

(b) The present distribution of these posts is as follows :—

Finance Directorate	10
Secretary's Branches	4
Establishment Directorate	4
Management Service Directorate	3
Traffic Commercial Directorate	3
Pay Commission Directorate	2
Signalling & Telecommunication Directorate	2
Railway Stores Directorate	2
Traffic General Directorate	2
Traffic Transportation Directorate	2
Electrical Directorate	1

These posts have been filled on the basis of seniority-cum-suitability.

(c) and (d). At present there are only five Assistants with more than 15 years service in the grade who are still working as Assistants in scale Rs. 425-800 (RS). No proposal for giving time-bound promotion to these staff is under consideration in this Ministry.

Introduction of new trains on S. E. Railway

2730. SHRI NARAYAN CHOUBEY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) how many new trains have been introduced on the South Eastern Railway since 1 January, 1982, year-wise ;

(b) how many kilometres of Railway line have been added on the South Eastern Railway since 1 January, 1982, year-wise ; and

(c) the freight that the South Eastern Railway carried from 1982 to 1984, year-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) The information is as under :—

Calendar year	Trains introduced	
	Non-suburban	Suburban
1982	6	9
1983	10	1
1984	20	18

(b) The information is as under :—

Year	New Lines added
1982	Nil
1983	Nil
1984	24 kms.

(c) Statistics are maintained only on a financial year basis. The information for the last three financial years is given below :

Year	Tonnes originating (000)	Tonnes carried on the system. (000)
1981-82	78,989	92,619
1982-83	80,678	96,459
1983-84	80,579	96,546

Enquiry into the affairs of Calcutta Port Trust

2731. SHRI NARAYAN CHOUBEY : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of a news published in 'Kalantar' a Bengali daily dated 19.2.1985 that the Calcutta Port Trust is becoming a losing concern in spite of its viability ;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that furniture was purchased by Calcutta Port Trust without any tender ;

(c) if so, the reasons for the irregularities and how much money involved in this transaction ;

(d) whether the salaries or wages were given to four thousand employees who were idle ; and

(e) whether Government propose to make an enquiry to investigate the situation in Calcutta Port and its viability ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Furniture is not being purchased by Calcutta Port Trust without going through the process of tender. However, in 1982 and 1984, six steel chairs on each occasion were purchased on an emergency basis for use of visitors to the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman. These chairs were purchased for Rs. 1830/-