

a Container berth equipped with a Gantry cranc, a Yard crane and other related facilities. Augmentation of the Container handling equipment during the Seventh Plan is envisaged.

[*Translation*]

Patna University as a Central University

2516. SHRI VIJOY KUMAR YADAV: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Patna University is one of the oldest universities of the country ;

(b) if so, whether a demand for declaring it a Central university is being made for a long time in and outside the Paliament ; and

(c) if so, the difficulties in declaring it as a central university ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT) (a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) : Suggestions are received from time to time that the Patna University should be converted into a Central University. The Central Government has, however, no proposal to convert Universities functioning under State Acts into Central Universities.

[*English*]

Spreading of Malaria in Constal Areas of Orissa

2517. SHRI CHAINTAMANI JENA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the spreading of malaria in the coastal area of Orissa ;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Central Government to check

the spreading of this disease ; and

(c) the details of the schemes under implementation or proposed to be implemented in the coastal areas of Orissa for this purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA : (a), (b) and (c) : According to the information received upto May, 1985 from the State health authorities, there has been a downward trend in the incidence of Malaria in the coastal areas of Orissa against the incidence reported in the corresponding period during 1984 as per the following table :

| | 1985 | 1984 |
|-------------|------|-------|
| 1. Balasore | 835 | 935 |
| 2. Cuttack | 1086 | 1193 |
| 3. Ganjam | 8527 | 16667 |
| 4. Puri | 2383 | 4545 |

The following specific steps are being taken under the Modified Plan of Operation for Malaria Eradication Programme to control the incidence of malaria in Orissa including the coastal areas :

(1) Every village is visited fortnightly by a survaillance worker to detect fever cases collect blood smears and to give presumptive treatment.

(2) The laboratories in the Primary Health Centres provide prompt examination of blood smears of fever cases and institute radical treatment to positive cases.

(3) Drug Distribu'ion Centres and Fever treatment Depots are functioning in the villages so that the drug could be made available with no loss of time to the fever cases.

(4) Insecticidal spray operations are undertaken in all the rural areas

which have incidence of two or more cases per thousand population per year.

(5) Besides, in order to control the spread of *P. falciparum* infection which causes cerebral malaria, the *P. falciparum* Containment Programme is being implemented in the affected area of the country including the coastal districts of Orissa with assistance from World Health Organisation/Swedish International Development Agency.

Reservation of Seats on Delhi-Jaipur Shekhavati Express Running between Delhi and Jaipur

2518. SHRI SHANTI DHARIWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the provision for reservation of seats on the 233 Up and 234 Dn Delhi-Jaipur Shekhavati Express running between Delhi Junction and Jaipur is not there ;

(b) whether there was provision reservation of seats in the Delhi-Sikar through coach previously which has been withdrawn now on the introduction of Shekhavati Express ;

(c) whether Government are aware that the absence of reservation of seats on the above train has resulted in great hardship to passengers ;

(d) if so, whether Government propose to arrange reservation of seats on the above trains ; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefore ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) Yes, Sir,

(c) to (e) : Prior to 15.2.1985 only two through service coaches viz. one composite first and second and one sit-

ting-cum sleeper coach were running between Delhi and Sikar. The seats in the sleeper coach were reserved to avoid inconvenience to sleeping passengers. With the introduction of a full train viz. 233/234 Jaipur-Delhi Shekhavati Express via Sikar the reserved and unreserved second class accommodation for Sikar have been greatly enhanced providing considerable relief to the passengers.

Medical Practitioner's Hesitation Accept Appointment in Remote Areas

2519. SHRI G. BHOOPATHY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Medical practitioners are hesitant to accept appointment or start private practice in remote areas ; and

(b) if so, whether Government are considering a plan to give more allurements and facilities to doctors opting to work in such places ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) To attract medical graduates to accept appointment in rural areas, the 8th Finance Commission has recommended the following incentives and have also agreed to provide special funds to the States for this purpose :

(i) Sanction of rural allowance @ Rs. 250/- per month for the doctors serving in Primary Health Centres.

(ii) House rent allowance @ Rs. 150/- per month where doctors are not provided residential accommodation.

In addition, the Finance Commission has made special provision of Rs. 53.52 crores for construction of resi-