

of more facilities/medical treatment to the mentally retarded persons ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL AND WOMEN'S WELFARE (SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR): (a) and (b): During the Seventh Five Year Plan the following programmes are proposed to be implemented :—

1. Scholarship to mentally handicapped individuals for securing general education, vocational training and in-plant training. In the current year's budget a provision of Rs. 250.00 lakhs has been made to give scholarships to all categories of handicapped including the mentally retarded.
2. Grant-in-aid to voluntary organisations for promoting education, training and rehabilitation of the mentally retarded. A provision of Rs. 295.00 lakhs has been made in the current year's budget for giving financial assistance to all voluntary organisations including those dealing with mentally handicapped persons. About Rs. 50.00 lakhs is likely to be given to voluntary organisations exclusively dealing with mentally handicapped.
3. A National Institute for the Mentally Handicapped has recently been set up at Hyderabad. This will be an apex organisation to deal with training of professionals, conducting research and development of appropriate service models for the mentally handicapped. A provision of Rs. 70.00 lakhs is made in the current year's budget for this Institute.
4. Special employment exchanges and Vocational Rehabilitation

Centres register mentally handicapped persons for placements.

5. To encourage employment of mentally retarded persons in the private sector, the President of India gives national awards every year to outstanding handicapped employees and employers.
6. The Ministry runs a special schools for mentally handicapped children viz. Model School for the Mentally Deficient Children, New Delhi. A provision of about Rs. 9.00 lakhs has been made in the current year's budget for this Institution.
7. The National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro-Sciences, Bangalore and Central Institute of Psychiatry Ranchi, two Institutes under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, are involved in the research training etc. on mental health problems and psychiatry.

These programmes will be expanded in the Seventh Five Year Plan according to availability of resources.

Superfast Train between Waltair and New Delhi

2654. **SHRI S. M. BHATTAM :**
SHRI VIJAYA KUMAR
RAJU :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh represented to the Centre about the need to run a Superfast express train between Waltair and New Delhi in the month of June, 1985 ;

(b) whether pending final action on the above proposal a request was

made for introduction of link Express between Waltair and Kazipet connecting the Delhi trains—atleast twice a week to start with ;

(c) whether the Centre was similarly requested to change the name of Waltair to Vishakhapatnam ; and

(d) if so, the action taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The proposal of introduction of a superfast train between Waltair and New Delhi and Link Express between Waltair and Kazipet has been examined but found not feasible on account of paucity of resources in shape of coaches, diesel locomotives etc.

The proposal for changing the name of Waltair to Visakhapatnam has been referred to the Ministry of Home Affairs and the State Government of Andhra Pradesh.

Proposal for Running Circular Train in Visakhapatnam

2655. SHRI S. M. BHATTAM : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering any representations or proposals for running a circular train in Visakhapatnam ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the estimated expenditure for the same ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) : Does not arise.

Introduction of a Shuttle Train between Visakhapatnam and Tuni

2656. SHRI S. M. BHATTAM : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a shuttle train between Visakhapatnam and Tuni in Andhra Pradesh in view of the heavy traffic ; and

(b) if not, whether any survey is proposed to be conducted to assess the actual needs and requirements of the public and the passenger traffic there ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) A survey has already been conducted which revealed adequate justification for running a shuttle train between Tuni and Waltair, but scarcity of coaches, locomotives and lack of terminal facilities at Waltair do not permit introduction of such a train.

M.V. Lok Prakash Damaged while Mooring

2657. SHRI S. M. BHATTAM : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) Whether a ship M.V. Lok Prakash bearing Shipyard number V.C. 1128, launched by the Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Visakhapatnam has been damaged while mooring resulting in a dozen dents and laminations requiring considerable repairs ; and

(b) if so, whether the responsibility for the negligent mooring of the ship has been fixed.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) Ships are shifted from berth to berth and moved with the assistance of competent handling personnel with authorised pilots of the Port Trust,