

Setting up of women development centres in Colleges

4523. SHRIMATI BIBHA GHOSH GOSWAMI :

SHRI ANANTA PRASAD SETHI :

DR. PHULRENU GUHA :

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up women's development centres in the country on the lines of the centres being set up in the Delhi University Colleges ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K.C. PANT) : (a) and (b). The Ministry of Social and Women's Welfare has decided to open Women's Development Centres in 20 Colleges of Delhi University for the academic year 1985-86. The scheme envisages using students and teachers as a catalyst for creating social awareness and bringing about attitudinal changes in society. These institutions would also bridge the gap between the academic institutions and the community by taking up various programmes in the community. There is no proposal at present to extend the scheme to other areas and institutions.

The University Grants Commission has agreed to extend financial support to universities for undertaking research projects on women's studies and also for development of curriculum and extension activities in areas of special interest to women. Proposals have been invited from universities for consideration by the Commission.

Engineering colleges under Orissa

4524. SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the University Grants Commission has received any proposal in the past from Berhampur University or

Government of Orissa to establish engineering college ; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K.C. PANT) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Late running of 136 DN Mughalsarai-Patna train

4525. SHRI VIJOY KUMAR YADAV : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that 136 Down train between Mughalsarai and Patna reaches Patna late by 6 to 7 hours daily ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(c) what relieving and other facilities are provided to the staff on duty including the guards in the event of such late running ?

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

(b) It generally runs late due to hose pipe disconnection by miscreants. When being out of path it has to give precedence to other important trains and is also received late at Patna because of extremely acute platform occupation between 15.00 to 20.00 hours.

(c) Relieving arrangements are made at Danapur in the event of duty hours exceeding the prescribed hours.

[English]

Introduction of diesel engine on Muri and Ranchi section

4526. SHRI ANANDA PATHAK : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :