

**Introduction of new trains to Hyderabad from Delhi/Bombay/Calcutta and Madras**

4626. SHRI B.B. RAMAIAH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether he is aware that the number of trains from Delhi, Bomby, Calcutta and Madras to Hyderabad is inadequate ;

(b) whether Government are considering introduction of new trains on these routes to eliminate sufferings of the commuters ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) The present number is considered adequate.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Due to paucity of resources and other constraints.

**Working of Field Advisor's Offices in States set up by NCERT**

4627. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Field Advisor's Offices set up by NCERT in the States failed to bring the desired impact in the respective States ;

(b) if so, whether Government have given any attention either for their closure or for their improvement ; and

(c) if not, specify the important achievements of these offices during the last three years, particularly the one that is located in Andhra Pradesh ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K.C. PANT) : (a) and (b). No, Sir. The Field Offices are rendering useful service in close liaison with the States in bringing about improvement in education, dissemination of information, ideas and

experience of one State to the other State/Centre/NCERT and vice-versa. In fact, there have been demands for opening of new Field Offices where these do not exist.

(c) The Field Offices have been carrying out activities assigned to them by NCERT. In addition to the liaison work by the Field Offices including the Field Office at Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh, some of the work being handled is as follows :

(i) Assisting the various Departments of NCERT and the Regional Colleges of Education in conducting their programmes in the States ;

(ii) Assisting in the conduct of National Talent Search Examination in the State ;

(iii) Conducting or publicising various prize competitions organised by NCERT for school teachers, teachers of Teachers Training Institutes etc. such as Toy Making Competition, Seminar Reading Programmes which are of a continuing nature and conducted every year ;

(iv) Feedback to NCERT regarding significant Educational activities in the State ;

(v) Collaboration with the State Education Departments in the formulation of their policies and projects. The States can also draw upon the expertise of the Field Advisers who are senior academics of the Council ;

(vi) An amount of Rs. 12,000/- under Non-Plan and Rs. 10,000/- under Plan (SC/ST Projects) is also placed at the disposal of the Field Advisers for conducting suitable programmes. These programmes are approved by the Programme Advisory Committee of the respective Field Office.