

[Translation]

Introduction of direct fast trains from Kanpur to major cities of the country

4628. SHRI NARESH CHANDRA CHATURVEDI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether no direct fast train is operating from Kanpur, the biggest industrial City of India, to Delhi, Calcutta, Madras, Bombay and Hyderabad due to which public have to face great difficulties ; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to introduce direct passenger trains from Kanpur to major cities of the country in near future ?

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

(c) No, Sir.

[English]

Appointment of school teachers in A & N Islands

4629. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that schools running in Islands are heavily under-staffed and the interests of the students are jeopardised, if so, what action Government contemplates to take ;

(b) whether it is a fact that A & N Administration have sent a proposal seeking sanction from the Ministry of Education for appointment of teachers ;

(c) if so, what action has been taken ; and.

(d) the number of teachers in different categories sought for sanction ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K.C. PANT) : (a) Information is

being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(b) to (d). Proposals received from A & N Administration for creation of various posts in schools, in relaxation of ban orders, are presently under process in consultation with A&N Administration. No final decision has yet been arrived at.

Conversion of Nadiad-Himmatnagar line into B.G.

4630. SHRI RANJIT SINGH GAEKWAD : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether conversion of Nadiad-Himmatnagar metre gauge line into broad gauge is delayed due to inadequate allocation of funds ; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) There is no proposal for conversion of Nadiad-Himmatnagar M.G. line into B.G.

(b) Does not arise.

Functions of "Indian Council of Historical Research"

4631. SHRI A.J.V.B. MAHESWARA RAO : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) the functions of Indian Council of Historical Research and who are represented on this Council ;

(b) whether it is a fact that one of the jobs of this Committee is to arrange translation of some important history Books for the benefit of students in India/people of literary tastes ;

(c) if so, languages from which translation have been made available by the Council in Regional languages besides English ; and

(d) the funds made available to it during Sixth Plan and the provisions made in Seventh Plan ?