

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

(b) Does not arise.

Seventh Plan outlay for Railways

571 SHRI SODE RAMAIAH :
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased
to state :

(a) whether the Seventh Plan outlay for
railways has been fixed at Rs. 12,000 crores;
and

(b) if so, the details of allocations
made therefrom State-wise/Union Territory-
wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN
THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) :

(a) and (b) The Seventh Plan has not yet
been finalised. The railway network, it may,
however, be pointed out, is an integrated
system and, therefore, the allocation is not
decided statewise or union territory-wise.

**Availability of Basic Drugs in Dr.
R. M. L. Hospital**

572. SHRIMATI KISHORI SINHA :
Will the Minister of HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state
whether basic drugs and surgical require-
ments are now available at the Ram
Manohar Lohia Hospital ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI
YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : All the
essential Drugs and Surgical requirements
in sufficient quantity are available in the
hospital.

**Criteria for Grant of U.G.C. Assistance
to Universities**

573. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI :
Will the Minister of EDUCATION be
pleased to state :

(a) the basis and procedure of deciding
quantum of financial assistance to the
Universities by the University Grants
Commission ;

(b) the total amount of grants given by
the University Grants Commission to
different Universities, University-wise during
the Sixth Plan ; and

(c) the Seventh Plan proposals of the
University Grants Commission in respect
of grants to the Universities ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI K.C. PANT) : (a) On finalisation of
each five year Plan, the UGC indicates to
each university a tentative allocation of the
general development grants that would be
available during the Plan. This allocation is
determined on the basis of the stage of
development of each university, the nature
and type of programmes offered by it, its
student enrolment and the progress of
implementation of plan schemes approved
earlier. Universities are then asked to submit
their proposals within the allocation so
indicated. These proposals are examined by
the Visiting Committees constituted for
each university and on their recommendation
grants are approved by the Commission. In
addition to the general development grants
so sanctioned, the Commission provides
grants for various quality improvement
programmes. Proposals received from
universities under this category of programmes
are assessed by Committees set up for such
programmes and grants are sanctioned on
the basis of the norms laid down by the
Commission.

(b) A statement showing the total
grants paid to the various universities
during the Sixth Plan is given below.

(c) The tentative allocation for various
universities in the Seventh Plan has not yet
been decided as the Seventh Plan outlay for
higher education has not yet been finalised.