

for conversion of the narrow gauge line from Dhaulpur to Sirmuttra into Broad gauge and the overall allocation made in this Plan for the development of railways in Rajasthan ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) :** No such proposal is under consideration. Allocation of funds is not made State-wise.

#### Halt Stations from Agra to Bandikui

**595. SHRI LALA RAM KEN :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of halt station on Ajmer railway line from Agra to Bandikui and the facilities provided by the Railway Department at these halt stations;

(b) whether booking provided and other passengers facilities provided by the Railway Department are in adequate at these halt stations; and

(c) if so, the time by which the Railway administration will provide all the necessary facilities at these halt stations ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) :** (a) and (b) Six halt stations have been provided between Agra Fort and Bandikui stations. Facilities as per existing yardsticks have been provided at all these halt stations. These facilities are considered adequate to cater to the requirements of the passenger traffic offered thereat.

(c) Does not arise.

[English]

#### Upgraded Sub-Centres and Construction of Mini Health Centre

**596. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK :** Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether some sub-centres have been upgraded and mini health centres have been constructed under Centrally sponsored schemes in different States during the Sixth plan;

(b) if so, the number of such mini health centres constructed and the number of sub-centres upgraded in Orissa in Sixth Plan period; and

(c) the Central assistance spent on implementing those programmes ?

**THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) :** (a) to (c) There was no scheme of upgrading of sub-centres or construction of Mini Health Centres during the 6th Five Year Plan.

#### Introduction of a Superfast Train between Bombay and Varanasi

**597. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is no superfast train between Bombay and Varanasi ; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to introduce a superfast train between Bombay and Varanasi at least twice a week ?

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

(b) No, Sir.

#### Losses in Indian Shipping Industry

**598. SHRI CHINTA MOHAN :** Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that losses in Indian shipping industry are mounting up;

(b) if so, whether labour discontent and unrest is one of the main causes;

(c) if so, the steps proposed for ensuring workers whole hearted participation;

(d) whether insufficient port facilities are also a contributory factor; and

(e) if so, the remedial steps proposed ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) :** (a) to (c) Due to unprecedented global recession,

most of the shipping companies are incurring losses during the last 5 years. Labour discontent and unrest in shipping companies is not a main cause for the losses of the shipping companies which are mainly due to very low freight market prevailing as a result of excess tonnage chasing limited cargo.

(d) and (e) Various schemes of developing Port facilities leading to substantial addition to Port capacities are constantly being implemented for adequately meeting the existing/projected traffic and shipping trends.

#### Demand for Review of PFA

599. SHRI CHINTA MOHAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that foodgrain dealers and industry agents have sought review of prevention of Food Adulteration Act; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Suggestions have been noted.

#### - Insurance Scheme for Cancer

600. SHRI CHINTA MOHAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have introduced through L. I. C. etc. and Insurance Scheme for cancer and if so, details thereof;

(b) whether Government also propose to consider a full and inexpensive minimal health cover for all citizens which may start first as a cover for preventive medicine;

(c) whether Government propose to improve and enlarge working of Hospitals and extending CGHS to all State capitals ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) The Government of India in the Ministry

of Health and Family Welfare has not introduced any scheme for Insurance for Cancer. The News item that recently appeared in the newspapers pertains to the proposal introduced by the Indian Cancer Society in collaboration with the New India Insurance Company.

(b) Government has been providing free medical care to the poor and needy in rural and urban areas through its network of hospitals, dispensaries and health infrastructural services.

(c) The Government of India in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare are continuously striving to improve and enlarge working of hospitals in the country. As regards extension of the Central Government Health Scheme to all State capitals, there is no such proposal.

#### Restoration of Airconditioned Berths Quota for Siwan (Bihar)

601. SHRI KALI PRASAD PANDEY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there was a quota of two Air conditioned two-tier berths for Siwan which has now been reduced to one causing great difficulty to passengers who have to wait for months together to get the berth;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether it is proposed to restore the quota of two Airconditioned two-tier berths for Siwan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) Due to poor utilisation the quota of 2 berths in 2-tier AC Class for Siwan by 153 Up Jayanti Janata Express has been reduced to one berth from 1-7-1985.

(c) No, Sir.

#### Extension of Stoppage period of Trains at Siwan Station

602. SHRI KALI PRASAD PANDEY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :