

One Regional Coaching Centre at Cuttack and one SNIPES Field Station at Utkal University (Bhubaneswar) are already functioning in the State of Orissa. Besides, 10 Nehru Yuvak Kendras viz., Balangir, Dhenkanal, Koraput, Sambalpur, Sundergarh, Berhampur, Keonjhar, Baripada, Bhawanipatna and Phulbani to which 13 SN NSNIS Sports coaches are attached are also meeting the needs of the rural people in Orissa.

New railway projects of West Bengal during Seventh Five Year Plan

3560. SHRI ANIL BASU : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Prime Minister and the Railway Minister had assured that no new railway project in West Bengal had been cancelled;

(b) when the West Bengal Railway Projects are expected to be taken up for construction;

(c) whether the projects have been included in the Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(d) if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) There is no record available to show that any such general assurance was given.

(b) No time frame can be given, as taking up of new projects would depend on the availability of resources, which are under severe strain at present.

(c) and (d) The on-going projects will be progressed to the extent funds can be made available, on year to year basis, during the 7th Plan.

Indo-Bangladesh Pact on Health

3561. SHRI MURLIDHAR MANE : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Indo-Bang-

ladesh pact on health has been signed in September 1985 ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) and (b) An agreement was signed on the "Administrative arrangements for the Health control of Sea, Air and Land Traffic" on the 9th September, 1985 between India and Bangladesh.

The aims of this agreement, under Article 92 of the International Health Regulations, are to create a "common area" for the Health Control of International Traffic between the countries, to facilitate health control, to make more effective the measures to prevent the importation of disease, to facilitate travel and to provide facilities for "single point check."

The agreement provides for exchange of information about Sea and Airports of the respective countries, epidemiological, situation, change in policy affecting administration on International Health Regulations and requirements of General Health measures applicable to all ships/aircrafts coming from outside the excepted areas in the two countries.

Revised rent of sub-ordinate quarters in South Eastern Railway

3562. SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the rent for sub-ordinate quarters occupied by Gazetted Officers was revised @ Rs. 5.54 per 100 sq. ft. with effect from 1 August, 1976 in South Eastern Railway ;

(b) whether such rent should have been revised with effect from 1 August, 1981 ;

(c) if so, whether the revision has been made ; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The review is pending as there has been delay in collection of relevant data. The collection of data is now almost complete and the review is likely to be finalised early.

National Memorial for Dr. B.R. Ambedkar

3563. SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the house located at 1, Tilak Marg was the official residence of late Dr. B.R. Ambedkar as the Free India's first Law Minister and the chief architect of Indian Constitution ;

(b) if so, whether Government has ever considered any proposal to convert this house as a memorial to Dr. Ambedkar ;

(c) whether Government are aware of a recent statement to the Press by the aged widow of Dr. Ambedkar as to how she has been preserving so long the personal effects of Dr. Ambedkar in the hope that Union Government would take charge of them as objects of historical significance by creating a national memorial for him in Delhi ;

(d) if so, whether Government propose to consider to convert the house at 1, Tilak Marg as a national memorial ; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) According to available information this was a requisitioned house allotted to late Dr. B.R. Ambedkar.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) This house was derequisitioned in 1979 and, therefore, its conver-

sion into a national memorial does not arise.

Global Tenders for Metro Railway Project

3565. SHRI AMAL DATTA : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any global tenders have been issued for any part of the Metro Railway Project, if so, the details of such tenders including the scope, and value and the party to whom awarded ; and

(b) what conditions if any, are incorporated in such global tenders to ensure that indigenous technology wherever available gets a fair chance ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS, (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir. Global tenders for supply of equipments as indicated below have been called :—

- (i) M/S. Toyo Menka Kaisha Ltd., Japan—Vibro Sinker—one set, costing approx. Rs. 6.19 lakhs.
- (ii) M/S. NIKEX Hungarian Trading Co.—2 sets of Air Lock Chambers, costing approx. Rs. 39 lakhs.
- (iii) M/S. Fried Krupp, West Germany—Tramway Rails, 400 tonnes, costing approx. Rs. 21.38 lakhs.
- (iv) M/S. Bruel & Kjaer Export Ltd., Denmark—Vibration Meter, 1 set costing approx. Rs. 44,000.
- (v) M/S. Geonor, Norway—Instrumentation equipment, 13 Nos., costing approx. Rs. 1.14 lakhs.
- (vi) M/S. Biccotest Ltd., U.K.—Cable Fault Location Instrument, one set, costing approx. Rs. 1.48 lakhs.
- (vii) M/S. Sun Trading Inc., Japan—Electronic Anemometer, 2 Nos., costing approx. Rs. 44,000.