

Open University have not yet been finalised. However, the University might in due course be able to offer continuing education programmes in Law and Medicine also.

(c) The Central Government does not normally establish Colleges. It is for the State Govts to consider whether any more Colleges should be established to meet the growing needs in their States. In the case of Medical Colleges, the Central Government is of the view that at present the existing facilities should be consolidated rather than establishing more Colleges.

(d) Does not arise.

Shipping Service Between India And Sharjah

3650. SHRI P.A. ANTHONY : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the initial response to the shipping service between India and Sharjah;

(b) whether there is any proposal to increase its frequency ; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to start a similar shipping service between Cochin and Gulf countries ?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) The initial response to the passenger shipping service between Bombay and Sharja started by M/s. Marathon Gulf Shipping Co. of Sharjah does not appear to be bright as only 58 and 97 passengers respectively were carried on its two inward sailings from Sharjah to Bombay and only 4 passengers were carried on its second outward sailing from Bombay to Sharjah as against the ship's capacity of 427 passengers.

(b) and (c) Govt. have received no such proposals.

Doubling of Bandel-Katwa Rail Line

3651. SHRI ANIL BASU : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether doubling of Bandel-Katwa Railway line of Eastern Railways, Howrah Division will be undertaken during the Seventh Plan period;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (c) A survey for augmentation of line capacity on the Bandel-Katwa section is in progress. Further action will be considered after the survey has been completed, and the survey report examined, subject to availability of funds.

Work of Bhadreswar—Bandel Rail Link

3652. SHRI ANIL BASU : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether extension work of Bhadreswar to Bandel third line under Eastern Railways, Howrah Division, will be undertaken during the Seventh Plan period;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (c) There is no proposal for provision of third line on this section, at present. Survey for augmentation of line capacity between Sheoraphuli and Bandel Section including Tarakeshwar Branch has been taken up in order to assess the additional facilities, if any, required.

Business Carried by Vyudoot in Uttar Pradesh

3653. SHRI ANIL BASU : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) total amount of Business carried on by the Vyudoot services in Uttar Pradesh cities till date;