

MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) The quantity of jute transported by Rail during the last three years was as under :—

(In million tonnes)

Year	Jute raw	Jute manu- factured	Total
1982-83	0.45	0.23	0.68
1983-84	0.38	0.13	0.51
1984-85	0.44	0.08	0.52

(b) The freight charges for raw jute and raw cotton for 1000 Kms. are given below :—

Commodity	Freight rate per quintal for 1000 Kms.	
	Smalls Rs.	Wagonloads Rs.
1. Jute Full pressed	30.18	25.00
2. Jute Half pressed	52.64	30.18
3. Jute un-pressed	52.64	35.37
4. Cotton (raw) Full pressed	37.09	30.18
5. Cotton (raw) Half pressed	52.64	33.64
6. Cotton (raw) loose	52.64	40.55

(c) The freight rate for a commodity depends on the classification assigned to it in the Railway Freight Structure and the distance over which it is carried. Each commodity has been assigned an appropriate classification taking into account its transportation characteristics such as value, loadability, use, risk in transit etc.

#### Coordination between Zonal Cultural Centres and Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts

3661. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any coordination has been established between the Zonal Cultural Centres and the Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts recently set up at New Delhi ;

(b) if so, the nature of coordination ; and

(c) if not, whether such a coordination would be established so as to provide the necessary exchange of views and activities in the field of Culture and Arts and the likely date by which it would be done ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) : (a) and (b) Not so far Sir.

(c) Yes Sir as and when required.

#### Provision of Passenger Amenities at Kiratpur Railway Station

3662. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any passenger amenities the following have been provided at the Kiratpur Railway Station on the Northern Railway :

(i) Ist Class Waiting Room with toilet facilities ;

(ii) Rain shelter for the platform ; and

(iii) canteen facilities ;

(b) if so, the exact nature of the facilities and whether they are sufficient for the passengers due to the increase in the traffic ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the

likely date by which these would be provided on a better scale ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) The following facilities are provided at Kiratpur Railway Station :—

- (i) A First Class Waiting Room of size 16' × 14' with 2 attached bath and 2 attached latrines. Since piped water supply does not exist at this station, the toilets are not sanitised.
- (ii) There is no shelter over the platform. However a second class waiting room of size 20' × 30' exists for Second Class passengers which also serves as rain shelter for them.
- (iii) There is a vending stall where tea, snacks and cold drinks were being sold by the vending contractor. The contract has since been terminated and fresh application have been invited for the vending contract.

The existing facilities are adequate for the present level of traffic.

(c) Does not arise.

#### Discolouration of Teeth by Use of Tetracycline

3663. SHRI VISHNU MODI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether use of tetracycline causes permanent discolouration of teeth ;

(b) if so, whether the formulators of this drug have been directed to mention this warning on the label of cartoon of formulations based on this drug ;

(c) whether such a warning has been made compulsory in other countries ; and

(d) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) To the best of our knowledge such a warning is being insisted upon in other countries.

(d) Does not arise.

#### International Seminar in Calcutta on "Metro Railways-Problem and Prospects"

3664. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Calcutta Metro Railway authorities organised an international Seminar in Calcutta during the last month on the theme "Metro Railways—problems and prospects" ;

(b) if so, the number of foreign experts who joined the Seminar and the countries which they represented and which of the countries having metro railway system who were invited but refused to participate ;

(c) the approximate cost of the seminar borne by the Calcutta Metro ;

(d) the problems of construction and high cost of building any metro and ways of funding and operation of metro systems and other cognate matters discussed ; and

(e) how far the deliberations aimed at the sharing the experience have or are going to help the Calcutta Metro in its cutting down high construction costs, operational efficiency etc ?

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

(b) 25 foreign experts attended the Seminar from Hong Kong, France, U.K., U.S.S.R., Japan, Sri Lanka, Brazil, Hungary, Austria and Thailand. Experts from U.S.A. where there are metro systems expressed inability to attend the Seminar as the cost of travel was to be borne by the foreign experts/sponsoring agencies.