

Dieselisation of trains in India

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

(a) whether a number of trains have been dieselised during the past three years including the current financial year ;

(b) if so, the names of those trains along with the date of dieselisation ;

(c) whether any more trains are proposed to be dieselised during the remaining years of the Seventh Plan period ; and

(d) if so, the detailed phased programme prepared in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Financial assistance to institutions promoting teaching of Sanskrit

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

(a) whether any financial assistance has been given to the institutions promoting the teaching of Sanskrit during the Seventh Plan till date; and

(b) if so, the names of the institutions which applied for financial assistance State-wise, alongwith the names of such institutions which have been sanctioned such assistance and the amount in each case ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI KHISHINA SAHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed to library See No LT 2834/86].

Pantry Car in Kanyakumari-Bombay Jayanti and Himsagar Express

981. SHRI T. BASHEER : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been a long demand for the introduction of Pantry Car in the Kanyakumari-Bombay Jayanti train as also in the Himsagar Express train;

(b) if so, the steps Government have taken to introduce the same; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (c) Himsagar Express is already having pantry car service. Demand for introduction of pantry car by Kanya Kumari-Bombay Jayanti Janta Express was not acceded to due to paucity of pantry cars and non-availability of room in the train.

[Translation]

Scheme in Medical Colleges to make Doctors serve in rural area

982. SHRI AMARSINH RATHAWA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a scheme in Medical Colleges that each and every doctor shall have to serve in some rural area for a particular period before he gets the degree ;

b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) : (a) to (c) The Medical Council of India has already prescribed a six months' Compulsory Rotating Internship in the rural area before a student becomes eligible to receive the degree after passing the final MBBS Examination.