

New Railway lines during next 20 years

1014. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Transport Co-ordination Committee (1980) recommended the addition of 5,000 kms. of new railway lines to the existing railway track, during the next 20 years ;

(b) if so, the decision taken by Government on this recommendation and the net addition to the railway network in the Sixth Plan alongwith the subsequent additions proposed to be made during the future Plans and

(c) if no decision has been taken so far, the likely date by which the decision would be taken ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : (a) Yes Sir, the National Transport Policy Committee have made such a recommendation.

(b) and (c) While considering the recommendation, the Government decided that no specific target in terms of kms. of new lines to be constructed need be laid down and that new lines may be constructed as per need and availability of resources. During the 6th Five Year Plan the net addition to the railway network was 917 kms. Indian Railways' Corporate Plan envisages construction of 3000 kms. of new lines during the period 1985—2000.

Production of Spurious Drugs

1015. SHRI P.M. SAYEED :
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it has been recently brought to the notice of Government that some drug manufactures in Delhi are producing and supplying spurious life saving drugs ; and

(b) the details of the racket which was surfaced as a result of the raid conducted in Lucknow ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE : (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) : (a) No such complaint has been brought to the notice of the Drug Control Department, Delhi Administration.

(b) The required information has been called for from the Uttar Pradesh State Government and will be laid down on the table of Lok Sabha.

Performance of National Book Trust

1016. SHRI P.M. SAYEED : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Book Trust has achieved those targets which were fixed even more than a decade ago ; if not, the reasons thereof ;

(b) whether there is decline in the annual average publications in almost all the subjects ; and

(c) whether the Trust has incurred a heavy loss and if so, the exact amount of loss as also the main reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Trust have not been able to achieve the target fixed for the publications under the Aadan Pradan series and the Nehru Bal Pustakalaya series mainly due to lack of translation and printing facilities in various languages.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) In the Audit Report for the year 1984-85, it has been mentioned that the books produced during the period 1980—85 were underpriced by Rs. 45.04 lakhs and books worth Rs. 53.93 lakhs were damaged by the floods in 1983-84. The objective of the Trust is to supply books to the public at moderate prices. Therefore as a matter of policy, its books are priced less than the