

**Derailment of Box-wagons at Hanumangarh on Northern Railway**

5371. SHRI VISHNU MODI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether on 20 August, 1986, two box-wagons derailed at the mineral siding at Hanumangarh on Northern Railway;

(b) if so, whether any inquiry was conducted into the causes of derailment;

(c) if so, the finding thereof; and

(d) the action taken against those found responsible, if any ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) No such derailment has been reported.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

[*Translation*]

**Shortage of Women's Hostels in Colleges/Educational Institutions**

5372. SHRI D.L. BAITHA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is great shortage of women's hostels in various colleges/educational institutions in the country;

(b) whether Union Government propose to encourage construction of women's hostels by giving special grants to various universities/educational institutions; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) Although no survey has been conducted to assess the extent of shortage of hostel accommodation for women, according to indications available, the existing hostel facilities are not adequate to meet the demands.

(b) and (c). The UGC has been providing assistance for the construction of hostels in the Universities and Colleges. In the case of women's hostels, the Commission has been sanctioning grants to the extent of 75% of the approved cost against the usual 50% for men's hostels. Further, the minimum requirement of enrolment for sanctioning development grants including construction of hostels has been relaxed to 150 in favour of women's colleges from 250 in case of other colleges. A new scheme for construction of hostels for both boys and girls in technical institutions is proposed to be implemented from 1987-88, for which an outlay of Rs. 150 00 lakhs has been made.

**Allotment of Wagons to Madhya Pradesh**

5373. SHRI M.L. JHIKRAM : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the quota of wagons fixed for Madhya Pradesh and the number of wagons actually supplied;

(b) whether there is any cut in the quota and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) No state-wise quotas for wagons are prescribed, nor are statistics of wagons supplied state-wise maintained.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

**Harmful Effect of Flouride in Tooth Paste**

5374. SHRI NIRMAL KHATTRI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any research has been conducted to prove that flouride contained in tooth paste is harmful for health; and

(b) if so, the action being taken in this regard ?