

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Central Government do not plan to open any new medical college during 1987-88.

(d) and (e). India is committed to achieving the objective of Health for All by 2000 A. D. by following the primary health care approach. Adequate funds have been provided in the Seventh Plan for opening more Primary Health Centres, Sub-Centres etc.

It is the responsibility of the State Governments to provide health care services in the Metropolitan cities. The State Governments keep reviewing the position and augment the services depending upon their financial and administrative resources.

Recommendation of Railway Convention Committee regarding expansion of tracks

3378. DR. K. G. ADIYODI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the recommendations of the Railway Convention Committee regarding track expansion;

(b) the steps taken during the last three years and the total length of expanded tracks in kilometres; region-wise; and

(c) what is the length of tracks in kilometres envisaged for completion in Kerala during the current plan period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Railway Convention Committee (1985) in their Fourth Report on Action taken by Government on the Recommendations contained in the Twelfth Report of the Railway Convention Committee 1980 on Track Expansion Programme of Railways have accepted the Government reply that the following criteria for choice of New Lines recommended by National Transport Policy Committee and accepted by Government may continue to be followed :—

(i) Project oriented lines to serve the new industries, or tap minerals and other resources;

(ii) New Lines to serve missing links, which can form alternative routes to relieve congestion on existing busy routes;

(iii) New Lines required on strategic considerations; and

(iv) New Lines required as developmental lines to establish new growth centres or to give access to remote areas. While suggesting taking up construction of new lines in backward regions, however, the NTPC had put in a word of caution i.e. it would not be advisable to take up new lines, which cannot meet operating costs including contribution to depreciation.

(b) During last three years, funds have been provided for construction of number of New Lines Projects as per details given in Railway Budget. Total length in Kilometres commissioned Railway Zone-wise during the 3 years from 1984-85 onwards is as under :

Railway Zone	Kms. of New Lines commissioned since 1984-85
Central	109
Eastern	10
Northern	7
Northeast Frontier	186
Southern	64
South Central	66
South Eastern	44

(c) 57 Kms. of New Line is planned for commissioning during 7th Five Year Plan.

Central Assistance for P. V. Mandlik Memorial Hospital, Ori

3379. PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND

FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 340 dated 6-11-86 regarding Central Assistance for P. V. Mandlik Memorial Hospital, Ori and state :

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra has informed the Union Government its willingness to pay its share towards the financial assistance for the construction work of Dr. P. V. Mandlik Memorial Hospital at Ori; and

(b) if so, when Union Government propose to pay its share of assistance ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Government of Maharashtra have agreed to contribute their share of Rs. 3.42 lakhs towards the project. The request of the Voluntary Organisation for financial assistance is being examined and we expect to release funds in the next financial year after completion of necessary procedural formalities such as commitment of the State Government towards running of the Hospital in case the institution runs into financial difficulties etc. etc.

Proposal for starting of 'WILL' classes

3380. SHRI JAGANNATH PATTNAIK : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to start one lakh 'Will' classes in the last quarter of 1987-88 and raise the number to two lakh by March 1990; and

(b) if so, the details regarding the targets alongwith the details of the scheme in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) and (b). A proposal for "Women's Integrated Learning for Life" (WILL), as an additional component in the

existing Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Programme, is being considered by the Government. The details are given in the statement below. It is not possible yet to indicate the definite time by which this component will be implemented.

Statement

Details of the proposed "Women's Integrated Learning for Life (WILL) component of the ICDS Scheme

(a) Objectives

- (i) to enable illiterate girls and young women to acquire the skills of literacy;
- (ii) to promote a better awareness of health, hygiene, nutrition and family planning among girls and young women;
- (iii) to impart need-based training in home management and child care;
- (iv) to foster civic awareness among young women, so as to enable them to play their role as citizens of the country; and
- (v) to develop small libraries of books, in local languages, to sustain the newly acquired literacy skills.

(b) Target Group

The target group is girls/women in the age group 11-25 years, though illiterate younger girls and older women will also be welcomed to WILL classes.

(c) Service

This component will provide elementary literacy and non-formal education, covering the following subjects :

- (i) Elements of Health and Hygiene;
- (ii) Food and Nutrition;
- (iii) Family Planning;
- (iv) Home Management and home-based crafts;