

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) The Government of India do not permit provision of speed breakers on National Highways which are meant for through and fast moving traffic and the State Governments, who are executing the work on behalf of Central Government, have been instructed not to construct speed-breakers on National Highways. However, sometimes speed-breakers are provided by State Governments or their agencies keeping in view local exigencies of traffic.

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

(e) and (f). No such data is available.

Conversion of Ahmedabad-Delhi railway line

3470. SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the amount provided by Government in the Seventh Five Year Plan for converting Ahmedabad-Delhi railway line into broad gauge;

(b) whether there is a persistent demand by the people's representatives for converting the aforesaid railway line into broad gauge;

(c) if so, the decision taken; and

(d) the time by which the work for conversion of this railway line into broad gauge will be undertaken and completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Nil.

(b) to (d). It has not been possible to take up this major conversion project involving very heavy investment in view of constraint of resources.

A. C. Sleeper coaches in Superfast/Mail/Express Trains

3471. SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to provide Air-Conditioned Sleeper coaches in Superfast, Mail and Express trains which do not have such facility; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b). A. C. Sleeper Coaches are provided in important long distance Mail/Express trains on a programmed basis, as and when such coaches come out from the Production Shops.

Setting up of open Universities in States

3472. SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether University Grants Commission is setting up open universities in some of the States ; and

(b) if so, the names of the States where such universities are being set up and also their functions ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) : Does not arise.

[English]

Standardisation of dental care equipment

3473. SHRI NARSINGH SURYA-WANSI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Dental Council of India is unable to pay proper attention to dental education and standardise all indigenously manufactured equipments and materials used for dental care; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?