

[Translation]

Central School in Almora (U.P.)

271. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal to open a Kendriya Vidyalaya (Central School) in Almora town in Uttar Pradesh ; and

(b) if so, whether he is aware that the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (Central Schools Organisation) is delaying opening of a Kendriya Vidyalaya there despite the fact that the local administration has made an offer to provide land and building therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K.C. PANT) : (a) and (b). Proposals for opening new Kendriya Vidyalayas are considered by the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan when sponsored by an appropriate sponsoring authority in accordance with the prescribed guidelines. However, a new Kendriya Vidyalaya can be opened only when the sponsoring authority is able to provide physical facilities like land, temporary accommodation to house the classes, etc., as per requirements of the Sangathan.

A proposal was received by the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan in June, 1974, from the Government of Uttar Pradesh for opening a Kendriya Vidyalaya at Almora. However, the proposal could not make any headway as the requirement of providing temporary accommodation for housing the classes was not met by the State Government.

Survey for Tanakpur Ghat Bageshwar Railway Line

272. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether orders for survey for a new railway line from Tanakpur to Ghat Bageshwar have been issued ; and

(b) if so, the time by which this survey work is likely to start ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE

MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The survey will be taken up by North Eastern Railway soon after surveys already in hand are completed by them.

[English]

Conversion of Nadiad-Kapadvanj Railway Line

273. SHRI AMARSINH RATHAWA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have sanctioned the project to convert Nadiad-Kapadvanj N.G. Rail line into B.G. and its extension upto Modasa in Gujarat ;

(b) if so, when the said sanction was granted ; and

(c) the latest position in regard to the completion of the said project ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The project was approved in 1977-78 Budget.

(c) The upto date progress is about 8%. Due to meagre availability of funds it has not been possible to accelerate its progress. No target date has been fixed for this work in view of the severe constraint of resources.

Scheme for Welfare of Poor and Helpless Widows in Old Age

274. SHRIMATI MADHURI SINGH : Will the Minister of SOCIAL AND WOMEN'S WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether poor and helpless widows in old age suffer due to neglect of the society ; and

(b) if so, details of schemes Union Government propose to introduce for the welfare and happiness of the old widows in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL AND WOMEN'S WELFARE (SHRIMATI MARAGATHAM CHANDRASEKHAR) : (a) Generally elderly people including old widows are taken care of by the family. For the destitute old, almost all States/ Union Territories provide old age pension. State Governments and voluntary organisations provide some services for the elderly who do not have supporting family members.

(b) There is no scheme under the Central Government for the destitute old.

Work at Paradip Port Docks

275. SHRI SATYENDRA NARAYAN SINHA : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether working of major ports had improved following the last wage agreement of dock workers ;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor ;

(c) whether work at the docks of Paradip Port is at standstill ; and

(d) if so, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) :

(a) and (b). The wage settlement was signed on 11 April, 1984. The progressive increase in the total traffic handled by the major ports has continued during the period April to December, 1984. As compared to the traffic handled in the corresponding period of 1983 i.e. 73.9 million tonnes it has increased to 76.9 million tonnes.

(c) At present operations at Paradip Port are normal.

(d) Does not arise.

Circular Railway in Ahmedabad City

276. SHRI NAVIN RAVANI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct circular railway in Ahmedabad city ;

(b) if so, the progress made in this regard so far ; and

(c) when it is likely to start ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) No Sir.

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

[Translation]

Over-Bridges at Rajendra Nagar, Yarpur and Chitkohra in Patna

277. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR YADAV : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to construct Pakka four lane over-bridges at Rajendra Nagar, Yarpur and Chitkohra in Patna with a view to solve the serious problem of traffic congestion ;

(b) if so, the present stage of construction of these bridges ;

(c) the reasons for delay in their construction ; and

(d) the time by which the Government propose to complete their construction ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Construction of 4 lane road over bridge at Rajendra Nagar, 2 lane bridge at Yarpur and 2 lane bridge at Chitkohra in Patna in replacement of existing level crossings to solve traffic problem have been sanctioned.

(b) The Railway is constructing the main bridge across the railway tracks and approaches are to be constructed by State PWD. The present progress for the railway's portion of work is as under :