

- (v) The U.G.C. has sanctioned grants amounting to Rs. 15.84 lakhs to 127 colleges under Universities of Sambalpur, Utkal and Berhampur to organise 1383 adult education centres.

#### Promotion Scheme for Professional Colleges of Delhi

1577. SHRI SUDHIR ROY : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government assured the striking teachers of Delhi University in January, 1983 that the promotion scheme offered to Delhi University and college teachers would also apply to the teachers of professional colleges such as Delhi College of Engineering, College of Arts, etc. ;

(b) whether the Ministry had issued any order upholding the agreement ; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) and (b) The Government of India approved a scheme to provide avenues of promotion and reasonable opportunities for professional advancement to the teachers in the engineering and professional colleges in the Union Territories. The Scheme was formulated on the lines of the one made applicable for the teachers of the Regional Engineering Colleges which was prepared keeping in view the Scheme formulated by the University Grants Commission for the university teachers. The Delhi Administration is now processing the scheme for implementation.

(c) Does not arise.

#### Introduction of Passenger Trains in Malabar Region of Kerala

1578. SHRI K. MOHANDAS : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of fact that the Malabar region of Kerala is not well served by the Railways ;

(b) whether Government have any special scheme for introducing more passenger trains in this region ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Malabar region of Kerala is adequately served by Railways and adequate services are available.

(b) No, Sir,

(c) Does not arise.

#### Providing Good Coaches to H. Nizamuddin Cochin Jayanti-Janata Express

1579. SHRI K. MOHANDAS : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the coaches attached to the Jayanti Janata Express running between H. Nizamuddin and Cochin are very old and dilapidated ;

(b) whether good coaches were provided in that train when introduced first ;

(c) if so, the reasons for withdrawal of those coaches ; and

(d) the steps being taken to restore good coaches in that train ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Coaches running between Cochin and Hazarat Nizamuddin by Jayanti Janata Express are neither old nor dilapidated.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Does not arise.

#### Foreign Assistance for Kerala's Irrigation Projects

1580. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) Which are the countries and international financial agencies which have financed Kerala for development of irrigation projects during the years 1982—85 and the quantum of finance thereof ; and

(b) for which projects have the above funds been utilised and what are the stages of their completion ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) The World Bank has extended an assistance of \$ 80.30 million for the Kallada Irrigation and Tree-Crop Development Project in Kerala. The utilisation of the assistance during the years 1982 to 1985 is \$ 30.6 million. The cumulative expenditure up to the end of March, 1985, is around Rs. 878.4 million (anticipated). As per schedule, the project is expected to be completed by March, 1987.

#### Percentage of Sick Railway Track

1581. SHRI BHOLA NATH SEN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the total Kilometres of rail track under speed restrictions, rail fractures and the percentage of sick track in the total rail track of Indian Railways has increased during the period between 1980-81 to 1984-85 ;

(b) if so, what was the position in the matter as on 1 April, 1980 and 31 March, 1985 ; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) The incidence of rail fractures and the length of overdue renewal has increased during the period 1980-81 to 1984-85 but the length of track under speed restrictions has decreased. The comparative position is indicated below :

|  | 1.4.80            | 31.3.85      |
|--|-------------------|--------------|
| Speed restriction<br>(In Kms.)             | 2074<br>(Approx.) | 1985         |
| Overdue track<br>renewal (In Kms)          | 13048             | 19550        |
| Rail fractures including weld<br>failures. | 3640              | 8720         |
|  | (in 1979-80)      | (in 1984-85) |

(c) The pace of track renewals has been accelerated from 1096 Kms. in 1980-81 to 2745 Kms. in 1984-85. Railway's draft VII Plan envisages renewal of 21,000 kms. of track. The size of the Plan is yet to be finalised, but in 1985-86 a target of renewal of 3000 kms. of track has been fixed.

#### Training and Absorption of Surplus Hands

1582. SHRI BHOLA NATH SEN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Railways Reform Committee has recommended job freeze for five years ;

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations of the Committee particularly regarding training and absorption of surplus hands ; and

(c) the steps taken proposed in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir. But the recommendation of the Railway Reforms Committee contained in part XI of their Report on 'ECONOMIES' has not been accepted by the Government.

(b) and (c) The recommendations in regard to training and absorption of surplus hands been noted/accepted by the Government and instructions which were already existing in this regard have been reiterated to the Zonal Railways for implementation. The details of the recommendations are contained in Chapter VII of part XI of Railway Reforms Committee Report on 'ECONOMIES' copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

#### Permission for Import of Duty free Medical Equipment Machinery

1583. SHRI E. AYYAPU REDDY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that many hospitals/medical colleges etc. have applied for permission to import duty free medical equipment machinery etc. .