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**Urdu Teachers in Central Schools**

604. SHRI ABDUL HANNAN ANSARI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no Urdu teacher in any of the Central Schools in India;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Members of Parliament, M.L.As. of Bihar and President of Indian Urdu Newspapers Federation (Urdu Samachar Patra Sangh) have given a memorandum in this regard;

(c) whether Government intend to appoint Urdu teachers; and

(d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SMT. SUSHILA ROHATGI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) A representation has been received from a Member of Parliament asking for teaching of Urdu in Kendriya Vidyalayas (Central Schools). A Memorandum has been received from the President, Bazme-Faiz (Bihar) for introduction of Urdu as a subject in Kendriya Vidyalaya, Refinery Township, Distt. Begusarai (Bihar).

(c) and (d) Arrangements exist for instruction of Urdu if 20 or more students in a school are willing to study that language.

[*English*]

**Cochin-Madurai Railway Line**

605. PROF. P.J. KURIEN : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the survey for Cochin-Madurai railway line has been completed;

(b) whether its economic viability has been established;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to start construction this year itself; and

(d) if not, when it is likely to be taken up for construction?

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

(b) As per Project Report, the investment on this line will be financially unremunerative.

(c) and (d) Due to severe constraints of resources and heavy commitments on hand, the project being unremunerative, it is not proposed to take up construction of this line for the present.

**Demand for Increase in Passenger Capacity in Trains on Delhi Palwal Route**

606. SHRI G.M. BANATWALLA : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a demand for increased passenger accommodation in trains on Palwal-Delhi route;

(b) the present capacity on the above route;

(c) whether commuters on the route held up trains on 8 January, 1986 in support of their demand; and

(d) whether Government propose to increase the passenger capacity on the route ?

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

(b) 3 E.M.U. trains, and 5 other conventional trains cater to about 1500 passengers per day. Besides, there are other long distance trains stopping at Palwal which can also be availed of.