

Standard of Health Education in the Country

320. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the very low standard of Health Education in the country; and

(b) if so, what steps Government contemplate to improve the state of affairs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The importance of Health Education has been recognised in the framework of the 10+2 pattern of School Education from the lowest level. The Central Health Education Bureau designs and develops prototype materials in the form of audio visual aids, books and booklets, posters, pamphlets etc. for health education and arranges training courses for health for education personnel. The State Health Education Bureau which are also engaged in similar work on a modest scale are assisted and guided in their work by the Central Bureau. Various categories of field workers e.g. Multipurpose workers, Block Extension Educators and Community Health Volunteers are also to impart non-formal and elementary health education to the people.

Local Train from Pune Station to Satara Road Station

321. SHRI SHANKARRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken decision to start a Local Train (shuttle) from Pune Station to Satara Road Station on the Central Railway;

(b) if so, when it will start; and

(c) what will be the approximate annual expenditure Government will

have to incur on the proposed Pune-Satara Local?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No.

(b) & (c) Does not arise.

Manufacture of Atom Bomb by Pakistan

322. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan is manufacturing an atom bomb;

(b) whether any information has also been received by Government from the International Atomic Energy Agency; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Following reports to this effect, Government of India conveyed its concern to the Government of Pakistan through correspondence between Prime Ministers of India and President Zia-ul-Haq of Pakistan. President Zia-ul-Haq has assured Government of India that his government would not produce nuclear weapons. It is hoped that the Government of Pakistan would abide by this assurance.

(b) No, Sir,

(c) Does not arise.

Improvement of Suburban Services on Central Railway

323. DR. SUBRAMANIAM SWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have any concrete plan to improve the suburban service on the Central Railway in Greater Bombay; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?