

according to the State Government's report is already paying bonus as well as wages fixed under the Minimum Wages Act.

Shortage of Ayurvedic Medicines in CGHS Dispensaries

1247. SHRI K. MALLANNA: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is constant shortage of Ayurvedic Medicines in the CGHS dispensaries and beneficiaries have to purchase the same from the open market without the facility of reimbursement of cost; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to improve the position and also extend facility for local purchase if it is not available in the store?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR):

(a) and (b). No, Sir. There is no shortage of Ayurvedic medicines in the CGHS Ayurvedic dispensaries. In case where any medicine temporarily goes out of stock, the beneficiaries are given substitutes in place of prescribed medicines. Medicine prescribed by Ayurvedic physicians if not available in Ayurvedic dispensaries and C.G.H.S. Ayurvedic Store are invariably procured through local purchase and supplied to the beneficiaries. The beneficiaries are not required to purchase the prescribed medicines from the open market.

Delhi Circular Railway

1248. SHRI DHARAM DASS SHASTRI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there was a plan to double the circular railway line in Delhi;

(b) if so, to what extent that plan has been implemented and the time by which the full length of circular line would be doubled; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to expedite the construction of remaining portion of circular railway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes.

(b) and (c). The section between Lajpat Nagar to Brar Square has been doubled to meet the requirements of goods traffic. The proposal for providing a double line between Brar Square and Dayabasti and Lajpat Nagar—Okhla has been approved in 1980-81 budget, as part of phase doubling between Panipat and Ambala. Depending on the availability of funds and relative priority for various doubling works, the work of doubling of Delhi. Avoiding Line portions is expected to be completed in about 2 years time.

Appointment of Substitutes in Dhanbad Division

1249. SHRI A. K. ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the policy in respect of appointment of substitutes in Railway;

(b) the total number of substitutes appointed Department-wise in Dhanbad Division during 1978 and 1979 and the grounds for such appointment;

(c) details of appointment of the sons of Gangmen, Keymen and Mates on the ground of retirement in Dhanbad Division during the said period; and

(d) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Substitutes are engaged on regular scales of pay and allowances against vacancies of Class III and IV categories where it is not possible to fill the posts from existing leave reserve. The substitutes as far as possible, are