

Prime Minister to Zimbabwe to witness the Independence Day celebrations, she offered all possible technical assistance for the economic development of Zimbabwe. At present, details regarding these are being worked out through diplomatic channels. These relate to facilities for training of upto 4 Zimbabwean commercial pilots in the next two to three years in India, technical assistance for the rehabilitation and extension of the Railway Systems and assistance in the field of small scale industries.

अखिल भारतीय आयुर्विज्ञान संस्थान में रोगियों को निःशुल्क चिकित्सा सुविधायें

2022. श्री तारिक अन्वर : क्या स्वास्थ्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि अखिल भारतीय आयुर्विज्ञान संस्थान, नई दिल्ली में रोगियों को निःशुल्क चिकित्सा सुविधायें न देने के क्या कारण हैं?

स्वास्थ्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री निहार रंजन लास्कर): अखिल भारतीय आयुर्विज्ञान संस्थान, नई दिल्ली में गरीब और निर्धन रोगियों को उनका इलाज कर रहे चिकित्सक परामर्शदाता की सिफारिश पर मुफ्त चिकित्सा सुविधाएँ दी जाती हैं। अन्य सभी दाखिल रोगियों में केवल 5/- रुपये प्रति दिन के हिसाब से मामूली रकम ली जाती है जिसमें आहार, दवा, नैदानिक परीक्षण तथा उपचार का खर्च भी शामिल है।

इसके अलावा दाह्य रोगी विभाग में पहली बार आने पर एक रुपये का मामूली शुल्क लिया जाता है।

Rakes with Less than Six Motors

2023. SHRI SUSHIL BHATTACHARYYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that those rakes having less than six motors cannot maintain proper speed, nor they can carry the load during the peak period; and

(b) if so, how do they run in time?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes.

(b) Rakes with a minimum of six motors (on Eastern Railway) can maintain proper speed and can carry the full load during peak periods. Rakes with less than six motors are not pressed into regular service to carry peak load trains.

Flag Station between Kankinara and Shyamnagar

2024. SHRI MOHAMMAD ISMAIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have received representations from local population for establishment of a flag station between Kankinara and Shyamnagar in 24 Parganas of West Bengal;

(b) if so, whether the Railways are taking steps to fulfil this demand; and

(c) the reasons for delay in taking early steps to meet this demand?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). Yes.

(c) The work has already been taken in hand. The progress is dependent on availability of funds, which is limited.

Exploitation of Workers in Stone Quarries in Mehrauli

2025. SHRI MANPHOOL SINGH CHAULIARY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that labourers, mostly from Rajasthan, working in stone quarries in

Mehrauli are being exploited by the contractors;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these labourers have meagre wages with a bonded labour sort system existing, no medical facilities nor compensation for on-duty casualties; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto, and the action proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJIAH): (a) to (c). According to available information, the labourers working in the stone quarries in Mehrauli are self-employed groups and do not qualify either as bonded labourers or contract labour. The matter, however, is under investigation.

Hindu Pilgrims Visit to Kailash and Mansarover

2026 SHRI ARJUN SETHI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Government have made any efforts with the Government of China to open route to Kailash, Mansarover for Hindu Pilgrims; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

Our request to facilitate visits by Indian pilgrims to Kailash and Mansarover has been conveyed in the past to the Chinese side. The then Indian Minister of External Affairs, when he visited China in February 1979, had also taken it up with the Chinese. The Chinese side explained that communication and accommodation facilities had still not been restored in the area. We, therefore, have no indication yet when Indian pilgrims will be afforded facilities to visit these sites. We shall continue to

press the matter with the Chinese suitably.

Memorandum from N.F. Railway Cooperative Staff Welfare Committee Alipurduar

2027. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE:

SHRI SUBHODH SEN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received memorandum dated 10th May, 1980 from the Secretary, North Frontier Railway Cooperative Staff Welfare Committee, Alipurduar Junction Branch;

(b) if so, the salient points thereof; and

(c) the steps, so far taken by Government to fulfil the demands raised in the memorandum?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes.

(b) The salient points are:

(i) to treat all staff serving in different cooperatives run by railwaymen under each zonal railway as full-fledged railwaymen with all benefits entitled to railwaymen;

(ii) to allot railway quarters to cooperative staff;

(iii) to extend medical facility both indoor and outdoor for full family;

(iv) to sanction 4 sets of passes and 3 sets of PTOs to all cooperative staff.

(c) The Cooperative Societies formed by the Railway employees are autonomous bodies and their employees are not railwaymen. They cannot therefore, be termed as railwaymen and cannot be governed by the terms and conditions applicable to the Railway employees. However, the