

(c) The British Home Office in the last week of September informed the High Commission that the case was thoroughly investigated by the West Midlands Police but without success. The British Home Office stated that the Home Secretary and chief officers of police view such cases of violence with concern but added that it was unfortunately not always feasible to trace those responsible and bring them to book.

Sugar Quota reduced in trains

3449. SHRI K. MALLANNA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the quota of sugar has been reduced in trains; and

(b) if so, to what extent it has been reduced?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). Only on Central Railway prescribed quantity of sugar was reduced very marginally by 1 to 1.5 gms. per cup of tea/coffee due to inadequate availability of sugar. For service of tea/coffee in pots, the prescribed quantity of sugar, however, has not been reduced. On Southern Railway, due to use of sweetened milk for preparation of tea/coffee etc. the prescribed quantity of sugar has been suitably adjusted. There is no reduction in quota of sugar on any other Railway.

Scheme for improvement of Medical Sciences

3450. DR. GOLAM YAZDANI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the schemes of the Government for improvement of Medical Sciences; and

(b) what is the cadre strength of Central Health Service and out of them how many are scheduled castes and scheduled tribes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) A statement is enclosed.

(b) The cadre strength of The Central Health Service is 3589. Against which 178 scheduled castes and 35 scheduled tribes officers are working.

Statement

Government of India has addressed the State Governments Universities and the Medical Colleges of India making certain concrete recommendations for the modification of the courses of training and re-orientation of undergraduates medical education to cater to the needs of the rural community. A high power Committee of the Government of India have, after going into the recommendations of the Group on Medical Education and Supports Manpower, approved a 'Plan of Action' divided into three distinct parts namely:—

1. Community level workers.

2. Creation of a cadre of health assistants and the involvement of health workers and health assistants not only in preventive and promotive aspects of health but also in curative services.

3. Involvement of medical colleges in community health problems so that a development of comprehensive health referral complex and use of this involvement not only in training but also in terms of re-orientation of medical education.

The Government of India, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, have formulated a scheme called Re-orientation of Medical Education which envisages attaching three

primary health centres to each one of the medical colleges in the country which is based on the report of the Group on Medical Education and Support Manpower. The scheme has been approved by the Planning Commission and the Ministry of Finance. The salient features of the scheme have now been incorporated in the recommendations of the Medical Council of India on undergraduate medical curriculum which have since been approved by the Central Government under section 33 of the Indian Council Act, 1956 as regulations for mandatory compliance by different medical colleges failing which the later may stand the risk of de-recognition by the Council. The scheme has been sanctioned for implementation in 25 medical colleges in the first phase and 45 medical colleges in the second phase.

A pattern of assistance has also been formulated by the Ministry with the concurrence of the Planning Commission and the Finance Division, under which each of the medical colleges will receive Central assistance, to the extent of Rs. 5.00 lakhs as a one time non-recurring grant-in-aid. Funds have been released to the various State Governments. The scheme is proposed to be a continuing one until the social objective of providing adequate health care and medical services to the rural and semi-urban segments of population in the country is achieved.

Introduction of one more Passenger train between Gomoh and Gaya

3451. SHRI A. K. ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the longstanding trouble of the people of Dhanbad, Giridih, Hazaribagh and Gaya District for there being only one UP and Down Passenger train (129Up/130Dn) between Gomoh and Gaya; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government to introduce one more passenger train in this section?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). With effect from 29-11-80, 29/30 Ganga-Damodar Express has been introduced between Dhanbad and Patna which will serve the passengers from and for Gomoh, Hazaribagh and Gaya. However, introduction of a stopping and slow passenger train on Gomoh-Gaya section will erode the line capacity of this section which has to primarily serve as the life-line for freight-movement essential for the development of the national economy.

Increase in Number of Motor Vehicles

3452. SHRI A. K. ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of motor vehicles increased in last three years for the use of Officers in Divisional Offices Head Quarters and other Offices on Indian Railways separately;

(b) the monthly total consumption of Petrol/Diesel for these vehicles and the cost thereof;

(c) the monthly expenses incurred for the staff of these vehicles along with the expenses for maintenance; and

(d) the reasons for providing a large number of vehicles and incurring huge expenses specially when the country is in serious economic crisis further worsened by Petrol/Diesel crisis?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha.