

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.