

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI BUTA SINGH):

(a) and (b). No view has yet been taken by DTC about seeking World Bank assistance.

Representation of Laboratory Technicians in C.G.H.S. re. inter-se-seniority

4404. SHRI CHANDRA PAL SHAILANI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Laboratory Technicians working in S.G.H.S. have made representations against distortions and discrepancies in their inter-se-seniority list circulated in the year 1977; and

(b) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken to remove the said distortions in their inter-se-seniority?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) Yes.

(b) The matter was examined but no distortions as alleged were found in the seniority list.

Providing Shoranur a stoppage for Trivandrum bound trains

4405. SHRI V. S. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the trains bound for Trivandrum do not halt at Shoranur which connects North and South Kerala;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal under consideration to provide a halt near 'A' cabin, Shoranur; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No. However, the trains which are coming from Jolarpettal direction and are bound

towards Trivandrum side are presently by-passing Shoranur Junction via the link by-pass. The trains from Mangalore side are touching Shoranur Junction.

(b) and (c). No. The proposal for opening of a halt station near Control Cabin Shoranur on Shoranur-Vallottolnagar link line was, however, examined in the past but dropped on account of heavy recurring loss, meagre traffic prospects and adequate availability of bus services in the area.

Production of drugs

4406. SHRI ARJUN SETHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Committee, set up by the Indian Council of Social Science Research and Indian Council of Medical Research, have recommended that village communities be encouraged to cultivate and grow medical herbs;

(b) if so, what are the other recommendations which have been accepted by Government; and

(c) the steps which Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) Yes.

(b) and (c). A summary of the recommendations of the report of the Study Group is placed at Annexure I. The main recommendations pertaining to health sector are sought to be implemented in a phased manner through the successive Five Year Plans.

Statement

The recommendation of the Report of the Study Group set up jointly by I.C.M.R. and I.C.S.S.R. on health for all: an alternative strategy:

1. The objective of the national health policy should be to provide