

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) Yes.

(b) 131 workers who had been engaged for re-building of bridges had been stopped on completion of work. They will, however, be re-engaged as and when new work is undertaken on the basis of seniority.

पोंटा-जगाधरी लाइन

4492. श्री कृष्ण बत सुल्तान पूरी :

क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि पोंटा-जगाधरी रेल लाइन पर कब तक कार्य प्रारम्भ हो जायगा और तत्सम्बन्धी ब्यौरा क्या है :

रेल मंत्रालय तथा संसदीय कार्य विभाग में उप मंत्री श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : जगाधरी से पोंटा के रास्ते राजवन तक एक नई बड़ी लाइन की व्यवस्था करने के लिए अन्तिम मार्ग-निर्धारण इंजीनियरी सर्वेक्षण किया जा रहा है। सर्वेक्षण पूरा हो जाने, उसकी रिपोर्ट की जांच कर लिये जाने और योजना आयोग से इस परियोजना की स्वीकृति मिलने के बाद ही इस परियोजना के सम्बन्ध में कोई निर्णय लिया जा सकेगा।

Health Care

4493. SHRI JANARDHANA POO-JARY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether All India Federation of Junior Doctors Associations have urged the Government to make health care a fundamental right of every citizen; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) and (b). Yes. The Government is already committed to the goal of attaining

Health for All its people by the year 2000 A.D. through the universal provision of primary health care services. This objective is sought to be achieved within the overall financial and other constraints.

Non-Resident OPD Nurses in Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital

4494. SHRI PIUS TIRKEY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of non-resident O.P.D. nurses in Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital;

(b) what are their avenues of promotion and in what grade they are working and since when;

(c) whether it is a fact that their number is limited for the last so many years while the number of Doctors in the same OPD have increased; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to post more non-resident nurses in OPD keeping in view the large number of patients in OPD daily and by what time the non-resident nurses in the OPD will get their selection grade?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) Fifteen (15).

(b) They have no avenues of promotion. They have been working since 1965 and their grade is Rs. 330-480. However, out of these, three posts have been given Selection Grade in the scale of pay of Rs. 425-600.

(c) Yes.

(d) Not at present.

Two non-resident nurses who are eligible have already been given selection grade.