

similar procedure in as in the case of Allopathy in respect of supply of Ayurvedic medicines; and

(c) what other steps Government propose to take to streamline the mode of supply and issue of Ayurvedic medicines manufactured by established pharmaceutical companies only?

THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Alleged Shortage of Supervisors

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

(a) whether there is a shortage of Supervisors specially Chargemen in the Grade of Rs. 425—700 in Traction Department, Northern Railway as no recruitment has been made through the Railway Service Commission after 1975 and the condition is further worsened for extension of electrification between Delhi and Mathura; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government to provide requisite number of Supervisors for safe and efficient working?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No. In fact, during the current year, a panel of 58 has been received from the Railway Service Commission.

(b) Does not arise.

Railway Lines in Kerala

500. **SHRI GEORGE JOSEPH MUNDACKAL:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total length of Railways in Kerala State and what is its percentage as compared to All India population basis;

(b) whether Kerala is neglected for taking up new Railway lines although that State is the most thickly populated State in the country;

(c) whether it is a fact that Idikki and Muvettupuzha constituencies are not having any railway line;

(d) whether it is also a fact that if Madurai-Cochin Railway line is taken up, the distance between Madurai and Suez canal can be reduced by more than 1500 kilometers and save a lot of energy for transportation; and

(e) if so, why the survey for this vital railway line is not taken up?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Total length of Railway lines in Kerala is 916 Kms. Route Kms. per lakh of population is 4.30 for Kerala and 11.1 for all India.

(b) No.

(c) Idikki and Muvettupuzha are not connected with railway line.

(d) and (e). There is no proposal for taking up the construction of Madurai-Cochin railway line, at present.

साइप्रस के राष्ट्रपति की भारत यात्रा

501. श्री केशवराव पाटधे : क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि साइप्रस के राष्ट्रपति की हाल ही की भारत यात्रा के दौरान भारत और साइप्रस में मित्रता आर्थिक संबंध और व्यापार सुविधायें बढ़ाने जैसे महत्वपूर्ण मद्दों पर हुई चर्चा का परिणाम क्या रहा है ?

विदेश मंत्री (श्री पी. वी. नरसिंह राव) : साइप्रस गणराज्य के राष्ट्रपति श्री सणइरोस काइयानों 23 से 25 अक्टूबर 1980 तक भारत की राजकीय यात्रा पर आए थे। बातचीत में जोकि मित्रतापूर्ण वातावरण में हुई थी अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय मसलों