

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

पर विचार विमर्श हुआ और उसमें सभी क्षेत्रों में द्विपक्षीय संबंधों पर भी विचार किया गया ।

इस यात्रा के अन्त में जारी की गई संयुक्त विज्ञप्ति की एक प्रति सदन की मेज पर रख दी गई है। ग्रन्थालय में रखी गई [देखिए संख्या एल टी -1360/80] भारत बहुत शीघ्र ही एक हाई कमिश्नर नियुक्त करेगा जिसका निवास निकोसिया में होगा ।

D.T.C. Using Sub-Standard Spares

502. SHRI K. M. MADHUKAR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appeared in 'Times of India', New Delhi dated the 23rd October, 1980 about defective and sub-standard spare parts being purchased by the Delhi Transport Corporation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that no consistent policy regarding purchase of spares has been followed by the D.T.C.; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to the information supplied by the Delhi Transport Corporation, departmental inspection study of the failure of buses has revealed that purchase of some of the spares such as oil seals, bearings, clutch plates and gear parts etc. made during the past couple of years and worth a few lakhs of rupees were not of standard quality.

(c) and (d) According to the information supplied by the D.T.C. the Corporation did not follow any consistent policy regarding purchase of

spares during the past couple of years. The purchases were made mostly on the basis of price preference and not quality. Quantity to be purchased for each item was also based on past consumption merely and not on the basis of fleet age or health etc. Corrective measures have, however, since been implemented.

Selection Grade for Radiographers working in Dr. R. M. L. Hospital

504. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are only two grades of Radiographers working in the Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, New Delhi, one that of the Junior Radiographer in the pay scale of Rs. 260—430 and the other that of Senior Radiographer in the pay scale of Rs. 330—560 and thereafter there is no avenue of promotion for them and those reaching at the maximum of their grades are stagnating and there is great discontentment amongst these categories of employees;

(b) whether Government propose to introduce a selection grade for these categories of employees; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c). As per Government rules, selection grade is provided for such posts as are filled up by direct recruitment to the extent of 75 per cent or more and have promotion prospects of less than 50 per cent. There are two grades of Radiographers in the Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital. Of these, the Junior Radiographers have opportunity of promotion to Senior Radiographers. As the post of Senior Radiographer is filled entirely by promotion, the present Govt. rules do not provide for introduction of selection grade.