

availability of space. Likewise, at Delhi main, accommodation to the Bank's requirement and at the location desired by State Bank of India was not available to meet their request. However, space at Howrah Railway Station has recently been jointly located by the Railway and the State Bank of India. Necessary formalities for provision of accommodation are under process of finalisation.

Bhayandar Station

9382. SHRI R. K. MHALGI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the General Manager, Western Railway has received a Memorandum from the residents of Bhayandar regarding Additions, alterations and improvements required at Bhayandar Station in February, 1981;

(b) if so, the details of demands made in the said memorandum; and

(c) what action Government have taken or propose to take in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN):

(a) Yes.

(b) and (c) The demands include provision of additional facilities at the station, provision of additional staff and introduction of additional trains on the Borivli-Virar Section. These issues will be examined on merits and appropriate action will be taken accordingly.

Visit of Pak. Tourists

9383. SHRI DAULATSINHJI JADEJA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Pakistani tourists other than pilgrims who visited India during the year, 1980;

(b) the number of Indian tourists who visited Pakistan other than pilgrimage during the year 1980;

(c) what is the criteria adopted for issuing tourist passports visit to Indians for visiting Pakistan; and

(d) what steps the Government of India and Pakistan have taken to boost

the tourism between India and Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) and (b) The Visa Agreement signed between India and Pakistan in September, 1974 did not provide for tourist visas. As such no Pakistani tourists have visited India and neither have Indian tourists visited Pakistan during the year 1980.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) During her visit to India in February, 1980, Begum Viquarun Nisa Noon, Pakistan's Adviser on Tourism and Special representative of the President of Pakistan, had proposed the introduction of tourist traffic between India and Pakistan. We have welcomed the proposal and have conveyed to the Pakistan Government our willingness to send an official delegation to Islamabad to discuss and finalise the scheme. There has been no further response from the Government of Pakistan in this regard.

Vacant post of assistant advisor

9384. DR. A. U. AZMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the post of Assistant Advisor, Homoeopathy in the Directorate General Health Service is at present lying vacant; and

(b) if so, the manner in which it is decided to fill it up and how long it will take to appoint an incumbent to this post?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) and (b) The post of Assistant Advisor, Homoeopathy in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is at present lying vacant as the permanent incumbent of the post has been appointed to the post of Deputy Advisor (Homoeopathy), on ad-hoc basis. He is also Advisor (Homoeopathy). The question of filling up this post will arise only if he is appointed to the post of Deputy Advisor (Homoeopathy). The question of filling up this post will arise only if he is appointed to the post of

Deputy Adviser (Homoeopathy) on a regular basis in accordance with the recruitment rules.

Advertisement for the post of Director, Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy

9385. DR. A. U. AZMI; Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has recently advertised the post of Director, Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy; and

(b) if so, the manner in which selection and appointment to this post is to be made and how long will it take to fill it up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) No. The vacancy has been advertised by the Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy.

(b) Appointments to various posts in the Council are made in accordance with the Rules, Regulations and Bye Laws of the Council. The Selection Committee is expected to meet shortly.

Increase in incidence of Malaria in Delhi

9386. SHRI RAMAVATAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incidence of Malaria has increased in Delhi due to mosquito menace;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the action taken by Government to check the mosquito menace and spread of malaria?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Introduction of Public Distribution System to Avoid effect of Malnutrition

9387. PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to fortify food stuffs supplied through the public distribution system to avoid effects of malnutrition like blindness; and

(b) if so, what concrete steps will be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) and (b) At present, as an experimental measure, the standardised milk being produced by Mother Dairy, Delhi is fortified with vitamin 'A'. The programme is proposed to be extended to other dairies during 6th Five Year Plan period. Further, the modern bread produced by Modern Bakeries (I) Ltd. is fortified with vitamins and minerals in its 13 units in different parts of the country.

To combat iron deficiency anaemia widely prevalent in the country, the Government is considering the possibilities of large scale production and distribution of iron fortified salt. The Government is also having programmes for fortification and enrichment of foodstuffs with essential vitamins, minerals, amino acid and protein concentrates to combat malnutrition.

Petition from Kanchrapara Railway Workshop

9388. PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a mass petition signed by workers of the Kanchrapara Railway workshop has been submitted to the concerned divisional Railway authorities complaining against discrimination and irregularities in the appointment of Class