

**THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL):**

(a) to (c) : Double Decker Shuttle Service on route 640 at 9.30 A. M. from Sector 12, R. K. Puram for Central Sectt. has been operating regularly but the trips were missed on 5th and 7th August 1981 due to breakdown and non-availability of other bus at that time. Every effort is being made to ensure regular operation of this trip.

**Radiation from X-Rays—A Cause of Cancer in Children**

2707. SHRI R. R. BHOLE : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a new study on X-rays produced by researcher Ted White of Yale University, which suggests that even low dosage of radiation from X-Rays could cause cancer in children ; and

(b) whether Government would conduct similar study in India to find out the impact of dosage of radiation X-Rays on adults in view of increase in number of cancer case in India?

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

(a) Yes. However, the validity of results of the study at Yale University has not been universally accepted.

(b) The causation of cancer has a multifactorial basis and it is difficult to assess the effect of a few diagnostic X-rays done on any person, in the causation of cancer. However, efforts are under way at the Institute Rotary Cancer Hospital at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi to investigate the effect of radiation on children consequent to various X-ray procedures.

**Dropping of long distance runner, Shivnath Singh from Tokyo Asian Track.**

2708. SHRI K. A. RAJAN : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the ace long distance runner Shivnath Singh was not included for the Tokyo Asian Track and Field Athletic Meet ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ;

(c) whether an enquiry has been made into dropping of the ace long distance runner from the Indian Team ; and

(d) if so, the details and results of the enquiry ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRIMATI. SHEILA KAUL) (a) Yes, Sir.**

(b) It was decided that only those athletes who attained the third position standard of the last Asian Track and Field Athletic Meet held at Tokyo in June, 1979, should be cleared. Shri Shivnath Singh did not come up to this qualifying standard.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

**गाजियाबाद न्यू रेलवे स्टेशन पर  
असामाजिक गतिविधियां**

2709. श्री फूल चन्द वर्मा : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि गाजियाबाद का नया रेलवे स्टेशन अपेक्षित स्तर तक उपयोगी साबित नहीं हो रहा है,

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं,

(ग) क्या यह समाज विरोधी तत्वों का झड़्डा बन गया है और वहां जुए और शराब पीने के कुकर्मों को बढ़ावा मिल रहा है, और

(घ) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में सरकार द्वारा की जा रही कार्यवाही का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

रेल मंत्रालय तथा संसदीय कार्य विभाग में उपमंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) :  
(क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(ग) और (घ) : ऐसी कोई शिकायत प्राप्त नहीं हुई है । लेकिन, इस स्टेशन के प्रतीक्षालय में 'कंगलाओं' द्वारा किये गये खुराफात के सम्बन्ध में एक रिपोर्ट मिली है । इस बुराई को समाप्त करने के लिए कार्रवाई की जा चुकी है ।

**Direction to General Managers to Maintain Punctuality of Trains**

2710. SHRI VIRBHADRA SINGH  
SHRI SUBHASH CHANDRA  
BOSE ALLURT :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that General Managers of all the Zones have been directed by the Railway Board to take effective steps to maintain punctuality and reduce the number of trains running late;

(b) if so, what was the state of affairs before the orders were issued and at present;

(c) whether the General Managers have taken pains to find out why such delays take place; and

(d) whether Government propose to give some token incentives to Zones where trains are running in time ?

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

(b) Before the orders, the punctuality performance in the first quarter of 1981 was 86.2%. It has registered a slight improvement on some Zonal Railways.

(c) Yes.

(d) Incentives by way of cash awards and commendation certificates are given to the staff whose performance is meritorious in improving punctuality.

**Increase in Illiterates and Drop outs**

2711. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the rate of increase in number of illiterates in the country from 1951 to 1971 and the reasons therefor; and

(b) the rate of drop-outs from Class-I to Class-VIII during this period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL) :

(a) The total number of illiterates in the country increased by 24% during the period 1951 to 1971. The main reasons for the increase in the number of illiterates are due to the rapid increase in the total population of the country during the said period