

(v) Provision for Regional Resource-cum-Study Centres:—The Open School proposes to set up Regional Resource-cum-Study Centres in different parts of the country where there is a concentration of open school students, to assist learners to undertake self-study and avail of resource facilities offered at these centres. At these centres one teacher (on part time basis) will be available to students for personal guidance. Students will also be able to borrow some learning materials from these centres.

(vi) Multi-media instructional packages:—In addition to printed materials open school shall also provide:

(1) Face to face contact programme;

(2) Other audio-visual aids like cassettes, special charts and maps;

(3) Use of radio lessons.

Subsequently open school also proposes to provide education through the television media.

(vii) Minimal fee:—A student will be required to pay a sum of Rs. 25 per subject as tuition fee subject to a maximum of Rs. 125 only for the entire duration of the course. Overseas candidates will be required to pay Rs. 200 only as tuition fee (Rs. 40 per subject) plus postal charges.

(viii) Provision for study at student's own place and in his/her own time.

Punctuality of passenger and goods trains during last six months ..

3679. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJ-PAYEE:

SHRI R. K. MHALGI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) zone-wise monthly record of punctuality of different passenger

trains and important goods trains during the last six months and comparative performance in the same period in each of the last three years; and

(b) zone-wise reasons for lack of punctuality, if any?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) A statement regarding Passenger trains is laid on the Table of the House. (Please in Library See No. LT-2809/81. Goods trains do not run as per any fixed Time Table. Hence, there is no data regarding their punctuality.

(b) Punctuality performance of passenger carrying trains on some zonal Railways has been affected adversely on account of alarm chain pulling, miscreant activities, disconnection of hose-pipes, rolling stock failures, accidents, signal failures/defects and other miscellaneous factors.

Late running of 2 SB Bhilldi Samdari passenger trains

3680. SHRI VIRDHI CHAND JAIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 2 SB Bhilldi-Samdari passenger train arrives at Samdhari railway station late on 25 days in a month;

(b) if so, reasons therefor;

(c) whether this inordinate delay causes a lot of difficulties to the passengers of 2 JB Barmer-Jodhpur train as they cannot get the connection 2 SB train; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

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