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1 2 3 4 5 representative to personal mediate in the Iran-Iraq conflict. 5. A nine-member delegation Preparatory meeting for fina-lization of guidlines for the New York 27/7/81 to headed by the Foreign Minister and senior officers of the Min. & Cancun 2/8/81 forthcoming meeting of Heads of State/Governments of of Ext. Affairs and other ministries. International Cooperation and Developments and to attend the Preparatory meeting of Foreign Ministers. Ministers decided the structure and framework of the discussions for the summit meeting to be held in Octo-ber, 1981. seven-member delegation 6. A Nairobi 12/8/81 FM joined PM's party during headed by the Foreign Minis-& Dar-es-13/8/81 to bilateral discussions with tcr. Salaam 15/8/81 Kenyan side. Visit to Kenya consolidated the mutual friendand close relations between the two countries. An Agreement for avoidance of double taxation was initiated. A cultural exchange programme for 1981-83 was also signed. Visit to Dar-es-Salaam was to attend 4th session of Indo-Tanzanian Joint Commission. Talks on bilateral, economic and technical cooperation. and proposals on new projects were held Agreed Minutes o discussions were singned. Shri P.V. Narasimha Rao, FM Geneva, 5/8/81 to To attend the Non-aligned Shri Ramesh Bhandari, Secretary Tehran & 11/8/81 Committee meeting in connec-Shri A. Mubayi, SA to FM Baghdad tion with Iran-Iraq conflict-. Shri R.K. Bhatia, DS While in Switzerland FM also held discussions with Swiss leaders.

Imparting Moral Education

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1698. SHRI QAZI SALEEM: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose drastic changes in schools, colleges and universities education syllabus in the near future so that moral education and spirit of cooperation, high standard, ethics morale and dignity be increased in the life of students and Indian people;

- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government intend to convene a meeting of educationalists, social workers, jurists, lawyers, Acharyakul for the same; and
- (d) if so, when and if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL): (a) and (b). No

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drastic changes are at present contemplated by the Government in the syllabi of schools and colleges. Emphasis has already been laid for the development of social, moral and spiritual values in the Curriculum of the Ten-year School prepared by the Ishwarbhai Patel Committee. recommendations of the Committee were communicated to the State Governments for implementation. According to a Survey undertaken by the National Council of Educational Research and Training in 1980, ten States and one Union Territory already have a provision for moral education in some form or the other. The Universities have also been by the University Grants advised Commission to take necessary action in the matter.

(c) and (d). No, Sir. However, in May, 1981, a High level Seminar on Moral Education was held at Simla to which distinguished educationists, social workers and educational administrators were invited.

Train Between Ernakulam and Trivandrum

1699. PROF. P. J. KURIEN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have received representations requesting for starting a train in the opposite direction to Venad Express from Ernakulam to Trivandrum and extending the Nizamuddin-Cochin Jayanti Janata upto Trivandrum; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PAR-AFFAIRS (SHRI LIAMENTARY MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). Yes. Representations for introduction of reverse Venad type train from Ernakulam to Trivandrum and back have been received.

Introduction of such a train is not feasible due to shortage of coaching stock and diesel powers. However, it is proposed to retime 29/30 Trivandrum-Mangalore/Malabar Expresses so as to provide a fast service from Ernakulam in the morning for Trivandrum and return in the evening.

Extension of 131/132 Nizamuddin-Cochin, Jayanti Janata Express upto Trivandrum, has also not been found feasible due to shortage of rolling stock and inadequate terminal facilities at Trivandrum. However, the passengers travelling by Jayanti Janata Express have got convenient connected service, at Ernakulam Jn. for travel to and from Trivandrum.

Double line between Jammu and Jullundar Cantt.

1700. SHRI G. L. DOGRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether keeping in view the defence requirements, geographical, tourist and strategic importance of J. and K. State, Government propose to double the railway track between Jammu-Tawi and Jullundhar Cantonment; and
- (b) if so, when will the construction start?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIA-MENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLI-KARJUN): (a) and (b) A survey for doubling of Jammu Tawi—Jullundhar City (217 kms.) has been included in the Budget for 1981-82. Further action will be taken on receipt of the survey report.