

Approval for Maharishi Dayanand University, Rohtak

2001. SHRI CHIRANJI LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission has finally approved the Maharishi Dayanand University at Rohtak; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF RAILWAYS AND EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). The University Grants Commission has not yet declared the Maharishi Dayanand University, Rohtak fit to receive Central assistance in terms of the rules framed under Section 12A of the UGC Act, as the conditions stipulated in the relevant rules have yet to be fulfilled by the Government of Haryana.

Guidelines for Giving Grants to Affiliated Colleges

2002. SHRI CHIRANJI LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details and nature of new guidelines framed by University Grants Commission for giving grants to affiliated colleges; and

(b) whether a copy of the same will be laid on the Table of the House?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF RAILWAYS AND EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). The University Grants Commission has finalised the guidelines for providing assistance to Arts, Science, Commerce and Multi-faculty colleges for development during the Sixth Plan period.

Copies to these guidelines have been placed in the Parliament Library.

Conversion of Delhi-Ahmedabad Line into Broad Gauge

2003. SHRI JAI NARAYAN ROAT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railway Ministry has made a proposal to the Planning Commission for conversion of Delhi-Ahmedabad metre gauge line into broad gauge; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether the Planning Commission has cleared the proposal of the Ministry?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF RAILWAYS AND EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). Conversion of Delhi-Ahmedabad MG line into BG is an approved work and the same was included in the Budget 1977-78. The Planning Commission have been approached for giving clearance to this project, and the same is awaited. The project involving conversion of 925 kms. long line is estimated to cost about Rs. 300 crores.

Approach Roads and Bridges at Stations in Dhanbad Division

2004. SHRI A. K. ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) number of stations in the Dhanbad Division of the Eastern Railway which have no approach roads nor over-bridges to reach the booking office for the people;

(b) whether every time people are to walk over the rail line or pass understationed trains to buy tickets and board trains;

(c) whether he is aware of the agitation of the people of Pradhan Khunta Station over this issue where often accidents take place while crossing the line;