

### Coach withdrawn due to corrosion

7371. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI. Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) number of coaches withdrawn from service, at a time due to corrosion as a result of unauthorised water-washing from pointed nozzles and hoses which is neither justified nor required as per design of the modern coaches.

(b) whether the certificate of need of repair, actual carrying out of repairs and expenditure for repair are being estimated all the three actions being done on the same level;

(c) whether repair needs are artificially inflated and coaches are detained up to 20/40 days resulting in heavy expenditures; and

(d) what is the average cost of repair thus incurred (including due to detention) and what would be the cost of rebuilding the old corroded coach?

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

(b) and (c). No.

(d) Does not arise. However average cost of corrosion repair of a coach varies from Rs. 30,000 to Rs. 50,000 depending on the extent of corrosion.

### Setting up of Hospital Corporation International

7372. DR. VASANT KUMAR PANDIT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering a proposal given by some Industrial and Business Houses to establish a Private Company, called Hospital Corporation International to attract Indian Doctors settled abroad to come to India with investment and their experience;

(b) whether the proposed Company will start a chain of Private Hospitals and Nursing Homes to cater Medical assistance at various places in India; and

(c) whether the Government of India has given its final approval to this scheme; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI KUMUD-BEN M. JOSHI): (a) to (c). No specific proposal to establish a private company called Hospital Corporation International has been received by the Central Government. However, certain proposals have been received from industrial and business houses and others for establishment of hospitals at various places and also to attract Indian doctors settled abroad. These proposals are considered keeping various related aspects in view.

### Reintroduction of free passes

7373. DR. VASANT KUMAR PANDIT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that he has decided to start issuing of "Free Passes" on Railways;

(b) if so, what are the new guidelines and priorities fixed for issuing "Golden" and "Free Passes";

(c) whether it is a fact that during the last year 466 free first class passes on Indian Railways were cancelled as a part of economy drive; and

(d) if so, how many "free passes" and how many "golden passes" have been issued and names of the parties, State-wise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (d). A statement is attached.

### Statement

Complimentary passes to the non-railwaymen/organisations are issued with the personal approval of Minister for Railways. The broad guidelines laid down for the issue of such passes are as under:

(i) Institutions and Organisations devoted to social, cultural, scientific, literary, sports and educational activities and whose work is of an all India character.

(ii) Organisations devoted to the welfare of SC/ST, backward and neglected sections, women, blind and handicapped persons etc.

(iii) Eminent persons engaged in work of national importance for which they are required to undertake frequent journeys.

Gold passes are generally not issued to non-railwaymen.

All complimentary card passes issued to individuals/organisations were cancelled with effect from 13-8-1981. The number of passes so cancelled was 466.

The details of the complimentary card passes which are current on date are indicated in the list attached.

### List

1. One Ist Class card pass in favour of Shri D. G. Kelkar, Director Raja Dinkar Kelkar Museum, with one companion in Ist Class.

2. One Second class card pass in favour of two sisters of Missionaries of Charity, Calcutta, an Organisation headed by Mother Teresa.

3. One Ist Class card pass in favour of Shri Sheel Bhadrarajee, Vice-President INA Martyr Memorial Committee with one attendant in IInd class.

4. One Ist class card pass to Shri S. L. Ratnakar, General Secretary, Nehru Kalyan Sangh, with one companion in Ist class.

5. One Ist class card pass to Shri Radhay Shyam Shukla, Deoria (U.P.)

6. One Ist class card pass to Smt. Kanta Manchanda, New Delhi, with one companion in Ist class.

7. One Ist class card pass to Shri Kanu Gandhi, Kasturba Ashram, with one attendant in IInd class.

8. One Ist class card pass to Smt. Abha Gandhi, Kasturba Ashram, with one attendant in IInd class.

रेलवे स्कूलों में ऊंचे वेतन पाने वाले कनिष्ठ अध्यापक

7374. श्री चतुर्भुज : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या रेल विभाग के अन्तर्गत प्राइमरी स्कूलों में वरिष्ठ सहायक अध्यापक अपने वरिष्ठ अध्यापकों की तुलना में अधिक वेतन प्राप्त कर रहे हैं।

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस प्रकार के मामलों की जोन-वार संख्या कितनी है,

(ग) क्या सरकार ने इस प्रकार की विसंगतियों को दूर करने का निर्णय किया है, और

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ?

रेल मंत्रालय तथा संसदीय कार्य विभाग में उपायुक्त (श्री भल्लिकार्जुन) :

(क) और (ख). सूचना इकट्ठी की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी।

(ग) और (घ). यह मामला सरकार के विचाराधीन है ?