

(a) the number of applications for Passports received by the Regional Passport Office in Delhi during the year ending December, 31 1981;

(b) the number of passports issued during the year and the number of pending applications as on 31 December, 1981;

(c) the average time taken at RPO in Delhi to issue a passport after receipt of application; and

(d) steps taken to expedite issue of passports?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO):

(a) 88, 285

(b) 89,332 and 5,399 respectively.

(c) 4 to 5 weeks, subject to applications being properly filled in and complete in all respects.

(d) Passports are being issued expeditiously under the existing simplified procedure. To enable R.P.O., Delhi, to cope with the unprecedented demand for passports, steps were taken to ensure timely and regular supply of booklets to them. 26 additional posts were also sanctioned for the purpose during 1981-82.

Electrification in Kerala

8079. SHRI SKARIAH THOMAS : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) the percentage of electrification of railway lines in the country; and

(b) the percentage of electrification of lines in Kerala vis-a-vis the national average?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) 8.93 per cent.

(b) Nil.

इलाहाबाद डिवीजन में लोअर ग्रेडों में स्टेशन मास्टर

8080. श्री बालासाहिब पवार : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) इलाहाबाद डिवीजन में ऐसे कितने स्टेशन मास्टर हैं जो पी. 16/ए कोर्स पास करने के बाद भी लोअर ग्रेडों में काम कर रहे हैं और ऐसे स्टेशन

मास्टर कितने हैं जो 550-700 रुपये के वेतन मान में काम कर रहे हैं, जब कि उन्होंने उक्त कोर्स पास नहीं किया है तथा तत्संबंधी कारण क्या है।

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि 455-700 रुपये के वेतनमान में वर्ष 1976 में नियुक्त हुए स्टेशन मास्टर उसी वेतनमान में अब तक काम कर रहे हैं और 425-640 रुपये के वेतनमान में वर्ष 1978 में नियुक्त हुए स्टेशन मास्टर इस समय 550-750 रुपये के वेतनमान में काम कर रहे हैं और यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं।

(ग) क्या वर्ष 1976 में ट्रेफिक अप्रेंटिस के रूप में नियुक्त हुये कर्मचारी इस समय 550-750 रुपये के वेतनमान में काम कर रहे हैं, लेकिन उसी वर्ष में 455-750 रुपये के वेतनमान में नियुक्त हुये सहायक स्टेशन मास्टर और स्टेशन मास्टर अब भी अपने उसी ग्रेड में काम कर रहे हैं; और

(घ) ऐसे ट्रेफिक इंस्पेक्टरों और स्टेशन मास्टरों की संख्या क्या है जिन्हें इस ढंग से पदोन्नत किया गया है तथा तत्संबंधी व्यौरा क्या है?

रेल नंगल एवं संशोधन कार्य विभाग में उर संवो (श्री महि. कार्जुन) : (क) कोई नहीं।

(ख) जो नहीं।

(ग) 455-700 रुपये अथवा 425-640 रुपये के वेतनमान में स्टेशनमास्टरों की कोटि में सीधी भर्ती नहीं की जाती है। लेकिन यातायात प्रशिक्षुओं के रूप में सीधी भर्ती की जाती है। और जिनमें से कुछ को सहायक स्टेशन मास्टरों के रूप में स्मार्हित कर लिया जाता है। 1976 में जिन यातायात प्रशिक्षुओं की भर्ती की गयी थी और जिन्हें 455-700 रु.

(स. वे.) के वेतनमान में सहायक स्टेशन मांस्ट्रों के रूप में समाहित किया गया था, वे अभी उसी ग्रेड में काम कर रहे हैं।

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Expenditure on Indian Mission Abroad

8081. SHRI R.P. GAEKWAD : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Embassies, Consultates and Missions India has in Foreign countries;

(b) whether any evaluation had been made about the work load or performance of these missions;

(c) the expenses being incurred on these missions;

(d) what are the proposals under consideration of the Government to make these missions more functional and meaningful; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) there are 130 Missions/Posts under budgetary control of the Ministry of External Affairs. In addition there are 4 Consular representations under the budgetary control of the Ministry of Commerce.

(b) This is an ongoing process and carried out from time to time.

(c) The expenses being incurred on the missions under the budgetary control of the Ministry of External Affairs are as follows:

B.E. 1981-82	R.E. 1981-82 (In thousands of Rupees)
41,41,11	48,53,56.

(d) and (e) . In accordance with the Government's policy of keeping under review the functioning of various Missions/ Posts abroad, periodic visits of high powered Foreign Service Inspectors consisting of Officers of Ministry of External Affairs and Ministry of Finance are undertaken, to make an overall assessment of the performance of our missions in political, economic, consular and cultural spheres and recommendations made to the Government on various measures to make the concerned mission optimally functional.

Incentives to States for implementation of Family Planning Programme

8082. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the incentives now being given to the States who perform well in implementing the Family Welfare Programme and exceed the target laid down for them by the Centre; and

(b) whether to provide an attractive incentive to the States to implement this vitally important programme Government of India propose: allocation of additional Central assistance to the States fulfilling their targets to increase their Plan size?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) The central assistance to all the States and Union Territories under the Family Welfare Programme is given as per the approved pattern of assistance. No separate incentives are given for performing well in the programme.

(b) The entire question of incentives in the National Family Welfare Programme is under review.

Health Guide Scheme

8083. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the main object of the Centrally sponsored "66 Health Guide Scheme";

(b) the names of the States where such scheme has been introduced;

(c) whether the above scheme has been in Orissa;

(d) if so, since when it has been started implementation in that State;

(e) the financial allocation made to Orissa for implementing such scheme since its inception (year-wise); and

(f) the achievement made under such scheme in that State ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND):

(a) The main object of the Centrally Sponsored Health Guide Scheme is to secure community involvement and Participation in tackling its own Health problems by training volunteers selected by the community in preventive and promotive aspects of health, family planning and M.C.H. and also to provide treatment for minor ailments and first-aid during accidents and emergencies.

(b) The Scheme has been taken up in all the States and Union Territories except Jammu & Kashmir, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Arunachal Pradesh, who are implementing alternate schemes.

(c) to (f) Orissa has been implementing the Scheme from the very beginning. On: