

(c) what were the ceiling of income of the guardians of the students eligible for different scholarships in 1960-61 and what they are today;

(d) is there any proposal to revise them, if yes, details thereof;

(e) if not, reasons therefor; and

(f) whether Government propose to provide the scholarship holders some facilities (cheap or free of charge) like residence, books, stationery, medical aid etc.; if yes, how?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) The scheme was started in 1961-62. The

old and new rates of scholarship are given in the attached statement.

(b) Revision of rates of scholarship has no relation with the reduced value of rupee as education is highly subsidised in India.

(c) to (e) The income ceiling of the guardians is Rs. 6000/- per annum excluding all allowances and some deductions allowable under Income Tax Act. There is no change of the ceiling since 1961-62. With a view to ensuring that the benefits of the scheme should accrue to really low income groups, it has been decided not to revise the existing income ceiling.

(f) Students are already enjoying hostel, book, stationery, medical and other facilities at subsidised rates.

Statement

COURSE	Rates in 1961-60		Revised Rates from 17-1981	
	Day Scholars	Hostellers	Day Scholars	Hostellers
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1. Pre-University course and IA/I.Sc./1st year of 3 year BA/BSc./B. Com. etc. course.	50/-pm	60/-pm	60/-pm	100/-pm
2. BA/B.Sc./B. Com. etc. (2nd and 3rd year courses).	75/-pm	85/-pm	90/-pm	140/-pm
3. B.E./B.Tech./MBBS/LL.B./B.Ed. Diploma in professional and Engineering students etc.	100/-pm	110/-pm	120/-pm	170/-pm
4. M.A./M.Sc./M. Com./LL.M./M.Ed. etc.	100/-pm	110/-pm	120/-pm	170/-pm

Coaches Idle

3999. SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of Railway Coaches are idle, awaiting repairs; and

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to encourage starting of ancillary repair workshops to cope with the repair work?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN

THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The total number of coaches awaiting repairs on Broad Gauge are 940 and Metre Gauge 250. This is 5.1 per cent and 2.3 per cent of the respective holding of coaches on Broad Gauge & Metre Gauge.

(b) The Government is already in the process of expanding its workshops at Jagadhari and New Bongaigaon for increasing coach repair capacity. New shops increasing coach repair capacity. New Workshops for repairs of stock are also being set up at Bhubaneswar, Tirupati and Bhopal.