

(b) to (d). The Government of India have no Scheme for providing assistance to the State for opening mobile health centres.

**Archaeological Survey of Palamau District (Bihar)**

10265. PROF. AJIT KUMAR MEHTA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey of Hills Panki in Palamau District of Bihar to examine the possibility of getting some information about the old cities under earth on the Hills of Palamau; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Electrification of Ernakulam-Kottaya Section**

10266. SHRI SKARIAH THOMAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to electrify the Ernakulam-Kottayam section of the Southern Railways; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

**Kottayam Station**

10267. SHRI SKARIAH THOMAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to develop the railway station at Kottayam, Kerala; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). Work of remodeling of the existing station building consisting of the following facilities at an estimated cost of Rs. 15.71 lakhs has been recently completed:

(i) Additional second class waiting hall with toilet facilities; (ii) 3 additional retiring rooms—single bed (iii) Provision of 4 booking and reservation counters; (iv) One upper class waiting room for ladies with toilet facilities; (v) Face lift to the existing station building; (vi) Provision of passenger shelter on Island platform; (vii) Extension of shelter on platform No. 1.

In addition to the above, the works of improvement to Vegetarian Refreshment and Non-vegetarian Refreshment room, extension of covering over the main platform and provision of additional hydrants for carriage watering have been approved and are in progress.

**Number of Porters in Delhi, New Delhi and Nizamuddin Stations**

10268. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of porters working in Delhi, New Delhi and Nizamuddin stations; and

(b) the number of porters belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). The total number of licensed porters working at Delhi, New Delhi and Nizamuddin stations is 2415. Out of these 572 belong to Scheduled Castes and 605 to Scheduled Tribes.