

mes about social, cultural and scientific development in the two countries. The Programme further provides for the development of exchanges in the field of sports besides cooperation in the fields of tourism and public health.

External Publicity

4077. SHRI K. MALLANNA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether our external publicity machinery has been ineffective and unproductive and has not been able to project abroad India's image properly; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to improve the position?

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

(a) The efficiency and adequacy of our external publicity machinery are continuously under review. There is always room for improvement but it is not correct to say that the machinery has been ineffective or unproductive. In fact, over the last two years, a number of steps have been taken to improve our external publicity activities taking into account suggestions and assessments emanating from the public, Parliament, academic and cultural organisation. This has had a positive impact, both on the administrative set-up dealing with external publicity as well as on the projection abroad of Indian developments and Indian achievements in correct perspective.

(b) Steps already taken and being undertaken by the Government to further improve external publicity activities are detailed in the statement laid on the Table of the House.

[Placed in Library See No. LT-4416/82]

Jamia Millia Course for Art teachers

4078. SHIMATI GURBRINDER KAUR BRAR : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Jamia Millia Isamia, New Delhi is running a three years degree course B.A. (Hons.) in Art and Art education with the purpose of making Art teachers to teach Art up to class X,

(b) if so, what are the subjects of the degree course;

(c) since when it was started and number of students awarded degree during each of last three years;

(d) whether the Central Board of Secondary Education Delhi has recognised the degree holders as qualified for teaching Art in Secondary School classes;

(e) if so, whether the Directorate of Education, inspite of repeated requests made by the Jamia Millia have not so far, included this degree in their recruitment Rules with the result that a large number of qualified candidates are deprived of being selected Art teachers;

(f) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(g) action Government contemplated in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The subjects covered by the degree course are English Language, Hindi or Urdu Language, History of Arts, Art Education and Art and Child.

(c) The first batch of students were admitted in 1977. The number of students who have been awarded the degree during 1980, 1981 and 1982 is 14, 14 and 4 respectively.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) to (g) The question of inclusion of this degree for appointment of Art teachers in Delhi schools was taken up with the Directorate of Education by the Jamia in September, 1981. According to the in-

formation furnished by Jamia, no final decision has so far been taken by the Delhi Administration in this regard. The matter is being pursued with the Delhi Administration.

Doubling of Varkala-Mayyanad Line

4079. SHRI B. K. NAIR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal to double the line between Varkala and Mayyanad in Southern Railway;

(b) whether Railways propose to construct a road bridge close to the railway bridge at Mammottil near Paravur; and

(c) if so, details thereof?

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

(c) Does not arise.

Referral Hospitals Built in Bihar with Aid of W.H.O.

4080. SHRI R. L. P. VERMA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) how many referral Hospitals were built with aid of World Health Organisation in India and those in Bihar separately and when were they built ;

(b) out of such built hospitals, how many were running in Bihar before June 1982 ;

(c) whether after completion of the buildings four to five years back in Bihar, they are still not opened for public treatment ;

(d) is it a fact that Bihar Government to whom these were handed over have, failed to run them ; and

(e) whether these will be handed over to some institution for running them properly to avoid any adverse comments from W.H.O. ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI KUMUD BEN M. JOSHI) :

(a) to (e) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Appointment of Children of Employees worked at the time of strike in 1974

4081. SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA PANDEY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that construction work on Diesel Loco Shed at Gonda Junction in Lucknow Division on North-Eastern Railway has almost been completed and appointment of employees is being made for this shed ;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry is considering a proposal to appoint sons and daughters of those loyal workers in Diesel Loco shed, Gonda on priority basis who had worked in Gonda at the time of strike in 1974 ;

(c) if so, the details in regard thereto ; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

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

(a) Yes, but no appointments have been made.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) At present there is no scheme of making appointment against loyal quota.