

Running of Primary School in Railway Building at Tundla Station

4113. SHRI DAYA RAM SHAKYA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether at Tundla Station on Northern Railway, a primary school is running in Railway Building near Hanuman Mandir (Company Bagh) privately without making any payment of the rent of the building to Railways; and

(b) what would be the charges for that land and building?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMEN-TARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Yes. For the benefit of Railwaymen's children, a school is being run by representatives of Railway staff to impart basic/primary education mainly to wards of Railwaymen. The school is being run on no profit no loss, and no rent is so far being recovered.

(b) Normally in such cases only a nominal licence fee of Rs. 100/- per annum is charged, as the school is for the benefit for Railway staff.

Conversion of Kurmadanga halt into a full station

4114. SHRI GADADHAR SAHA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is growing demand for conversion of Kurmadanga Halt between Daskelgram and Jnandakandra station on Katwa-Ahmadpur N. G. line of Eastern Section of Railway into a full station; and

(b) if so, steps to enquire into the situation for justification for upgradation and action on the basis of the report ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMEN-TARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) and (b) The proposal

for conversion of Kurmadanga halt into a flag station has been examined a number of times but not found financially justified on account of heavy recurring loss.

Review Committee on N.C.E.R.T. Affairs

4115. SHRI D. P. YADAV : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a Review Committee has been appointed by Government to review the NCERT affairs, if so, whether the Review Committee is taking suggestions from its staff members; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL) : (a) and (b) Pursuant to the recommendation made by the Public Accounts Committee in their 48th Report a Task Force has been constituted to consider restructuring of National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT). The Task Force has planned to give opportunity to the staff of NCERT to express their views.

Medicinal values of herb "RATTI"

4116. SHRIMATI KISHORI SINHA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken note of the recent research on the medicinal values of "RATTI" and 60 other botanical species used by the Tharu tribals of Lakhimpur Kheri, which can be reliably used to induce abortion; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI KUMUDBEN M.