

Spread of Vocational Education

9. SHRI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE ALLURI: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken by Government to spread Vocational education in the country; and

(b) the names of States which are not responsive to vocational education?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTERS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL):

(a) and (b) Under the 10+2 system of school education, introduction of vocational courses at the +2 stage has been recommended to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. Up to the academic session 1981-82, the States of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal and the Union Territories of Delhi, Goa, Daman and Diu and Pondicherry have introduced vocational stream at the +2 stage. Many other States/Union territories have also initiated various preparatory steps to launch this programme.

The National Council of Educational Research and Training is helping them in conducting vocational surveys, orientation of teachers, preparation of syllabi and other instructional materials, etc.,

At the first degree level, the University Grants Commission does not have a programme for vocational education but has introduced a programme of restructuring of course so as to relate education to employment opportunities in the region.

Stoppage of Trains at Bakhtiarpur Station

10. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bakhtiarpur Junction is the only Railway Station connecting the ancient and historic places like Pawapuri, Nalanda and Rajgrih etc.

(b) whether it is a fact that the pilgrims from all over India and even of foreign countries face great inconvenience due to non-stopping of super-fast trains like Himgiri Delux, Tinsukia, Vikramshila, Jayanti Janta at Bakhtiarpur Junction;

(c) if so, whether Government have any plan to make arrangement for the stoppage of aforesaid trains at the said Railway station; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) Yes.

(b) to (d) Bakhtiarpur is at present served by 18 pairs of trains, including 11 pairs of Express trains. Stoppage of 173/174 Himagiri Express, 103/104 A. C. Express, 155/156 Tinsukia Mail, 167/168 Vikramshila Express and 153/154 Jayanti Janata Express trains are neither desirable nor feasible as it will lead to similar demands from other stations of equal or more importance, the cumulative effect of which will be considerable deceleration of these fast trains.

Traffic Intensity Survey of the Zonal Road

11. SHRI F. H. MOHSIN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 10148 dated 29th April, 1982 regarding traffic intensity survey on Zonal road from Rao Tula Ram Marg to outer Ring Road, New Delhi and state:

(a) the outcome of the traffic intensity survey conducted on the Zonal Road in question;