

(e) steps taken to prevent such robberies in running train in future?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Some cases of train robberies occur occasionally.

(b) No such incident has been reported.

(c) and (d) Does not arise.

(e) The following steps are being taken to prevent dacoities and robberies in running trains:—

(i) All important long distance trains are being escorted during night time by armed G.R.P. staff;

(ii) RPF is also deployed to assist G.R.P. in escorting trains during night time;

(iii) Watch is kept on known criminals;

(iv) T.T.Es. have been instructed to be alert during night journey and not to allow any unauthorised person in reserved compartments;

(v) Drivers have been instructed to give a long whistle during unscheduled halt of the train in the Section as an indication so that the escorting staff will get down and find out the reason for detention. In case of any eventuality the escorting staff will take necessary action.

Shortage of Seats in Educational Institutions

72. SHRI K. A. SWAMI: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of acute shortage of seats in centrally-administered educational institutions at the elementary, secondary, college and University levels;

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Facilities for Students of Ayurvedic Colleges in Delhi

73. SHRI SUSHIL BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state the steps which have been taken to provide proper educational facilities to the students of Ayurvedic Colleges in Delhi?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI KUMUDBEN M. JOSHI): The following steps have been taken to provide proper education facilities to the students of the recognised Ayurvedic Colleges of Delhi:—

(i) The Colleges have been requested to avail of assistance provided under the Government of India scheme for the purchase of Laboratory equipment and setting up of a book bank;

(ii) Pattern of assistance providing for recurring and non-recurring assistance for construction of build-