

(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-

ing, expenditure on salaries etc. is under consideration.

(iii) The Ayurvedic and Unani Tibbia College is governed by the Tibbia College Act, 1952 and its courses are recognised by the Central Council of Indian Medicine. The College is affiliated to the University of Delhi for the purpose of examinations and the Delhi Administration meets hundred per cent deficit of the College by way of grant-in-aid. To improve the educational facilities of this college, schemes totalling Rs. 5.37 lacs have been included in the 6th Five Year Plan.

Construction of New Railway Lines in Kerala

74. SHRI A. NEELALOHITHADASAN NADAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any request or proposal from the Government of Kerala regarding the construction of new railway lines; and

(b) if so, the details and the action taken in this respect?

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

(b) Construction of the following new lines has been requested:—

- (i) Alleppey-Kayamkulam
- (ii) Cochin-Madurai
- (iii) Guruvayoor-Kuttipuram
- (iv) Tellicherry-Mysore
- (v) Kottayam-Madurai
- (vi) Chengannur-Trivandrum.

Work on construction of Alleppey-Kayamkulam line has already been approved. A survey for construction of Cochin-Madurai line has been included in 1982-83 Budget. A survey for Kuttipuram-Guruvayoor-Trichur new line has recently been completed. There is no proposal for construction of the other lines for want of funds.

Formation and Development of Trivandrum Railway Division

75. SHRI A. NEELALOHITHADASAN NADAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount so far spent for the formation and development of Trivandrum Railway Division;

(b) what are the proposed developmental activities within the Trivandrum Railway Division; and

(c) the amount proposed to be spent this year?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Rs. 205 lakhs upto