Complaint regarding Corruption and Malpractices in South Eastern Railway, Bilaspur

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THAK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the complaints made to the Prime Minister regarding corruption and malpractices of the railway authorities of South Eastern Railway, Bilaspur;
- (b) if so, whether any investigation has been ordered into the complaints; and
 - (c) if so, the details thereof?

DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAIL-WAYS AND IN THE DEPART-MENT OF PARLIAMENTARY (SHRI MALLIKAR-AFFAIRS JUN): (a) and (b). Several complaints of corruption and malpractices in respect of railway officials of Bilaspur Division of S.E. Railway have been received directly in the Ministry of Railways. One such complaint addressed to the Prime Minister and redirected from Prime Minister's Secretariate has also been received. Investigation into these complaints has been taken up.

(c) The investigation is still in progress.

Female Infanticide by Doctors in Punjab

1234. SHRI P. K. KODIYAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been allegation that some private doctors in Punjab had been carrying on female infanticide in the name of family planning through Amenoncentesis

and ante natal sex determination tests;

- (b) whether any investigation has been made into the allegation;
 - (c) if so, the findings thereof; and
 - (d) the action taken thereon?

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

(b) to (d). The facts are being ascertained from the Government of Punjab.

Progress of Malaria Eradication Programme

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Malaria Eradication Programme is making very slow progress.
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the action taken to speed up the progress of the programme?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER
IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH
AND FAMILY WELFARE
(KUMARI KUMUD BEN M.
JOSHI): (a) No. The National
Malaria Eradication Programme is
making adequately fast progress.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Grant to Calcutta University

1236. SHRI AJIT BAG: SHRI CHITTA BASU:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION

AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware that the Vice-Chancellor of Calcutta University requested the Prime Minister for an initial grant of Rs. 5 crore to enable the University to start construction of its integrated campus on a 120 acre plot at Alipore;
 - (b) if so, details thereof;
- (c) whether Government have taken any steps on VC's request;
 - (d) if so, details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasans for delay to take a decision?

MINISTER OF STATE THE OF THE MINISTRIES OF EDU-CATION AND CULTURE SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL): (a) and (b). The Vice-Chancellors of Calcutta and Madras Universities met the Prime Minister last month to apprise her of their to celebrate the 125th anniversary of Universities this their respective year and to seek special financial support for the purpose. The Vice-Chancellors were advised by the Prime Minister that it was for official agencies like the University Grants Commission etc. to examine these proposals on merits.

(c) to (e). The Calcutta University had earlier approached the U.G.C. for financial assistance to establish an integrated new campus on a 125-acre plot now occupied by the Presidency and Alipore Jails. This porposal was discussed between the Vice-Chancellor and the Chairman, University Grants Commission. The Vice-Chancellor had indicated during the discussions that the State Government had promised to hand over the land and that the University expected the State Government to provide built-up area at the new Campus equal to the present accommodation, in exchange for the

latter. Subsequently, in may, 1982 the University informed the Commission that a Committee had selected a master plan for an integrated new Campus at Alipore which was estimated to cost Rs. 50.00 crores. The University also requeted the UGC to support this programme with adequate financial assistance. The UGC has informed the University that the Commission's assistance to it during the Sixth Plan would be in accordance with the norms already comminicated to it.

Extention of Trains from Andal-Sainthia and Burdwan-Sahebgunj Sections to Howrah

SHRI AJIT BAG :
SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA :

SHRI SUSHIL BHATTA CHARYA:

Will the Minister of Railavays be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that two trains, one on Andal-Sainthia section and another on Burdwan Sahebgunj section were extended upto Howrah in May, 1982;
 - (b) if so, details thereof?
- (c) whether both the trains are still running on the above section.
 - (d) if not, reasons therefor;
- (e) whether there is any proposal to extend such trains again;
- (f) if so, when and the details thereof; and
 - (g) if not, reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF