

PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS
(SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Yes.

(b) 381/382 Azimganj-Andal Pass. and 325/326 Sahibganj-Barddhaman Pass. were extended to Howrah w.e.f. 10-5-82 on experimental basis.

(c) No.

(d) and (g). As the occupation of these trains on the extended portion was low, w.e.f. 28-5-82 the extension was cancelled.

(e) Not at present.

(f) Does not arise.

Facilities to Indians settled abroad for Visiting holy places in India

1238. SHRI SURAJ BHAN :
 SHRI ATAL BIHARI
 VAJPAYEE :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) facilities provided to persons of Indian origin living abroad to visit holy places in India ;

(b) how do they compare with those given by Saudi Arabia to Muslims living abroad and visiting the holy places of Mecca, Medina etc ; and

(c) proposals being considered to provide better facilities ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO) : (a) No specific facilities are provided to persons of Indian origin to enable them to visit holy places in India excepting to the extent of granting services such as visas expeditiously and other courtesies and facilities.

(b) As separate facilities are not being provided : the question of comparing them with facilities granted by Saudi Arabia does not arise.

(c) No proposals are under consideration.

Implementation of National Adult Education Programme

1239. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the progress, so far, made in implementation of National Adult Education Programme in the country; and

(b) what is the total amount released for this purpose during the years 1980-81, 1981-82 and earmarked for 1982-83 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL) : (a) Since 1978-79, about 110 lakhs adult illiterates were enrolled in the adult education centres upto 31st March, 1982.

(b) The total amount released by the Central Government for the various central and centrally sponsored schemes was as under :

1980-81 . Rs. 7.66 crores

1981-82 . Rs. 10.23 crores

For the year 1982-83, an amount of Rs. 16.07 crores has been earmarked for this scheme.