

accommodation for 126 tourists. It will also have a dining car and a lounge car with a prayer section and will serve as a hotel on wheels. It will be operated jointly with India Tourism Development Corporation which has been entrusted with the marketing and management of all services on board and on ground including surface transportation. It is tentatively proposed to start commercial tours between November 1983 to March 1984 on this circuit.

Amendment of Recruitment Rules for Post of Additional Director General of Archaeological Survey of India.

9007. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR YADAV : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the recruitment rules for the post of Additional Director General of Archaeological Survey of India are being amended ; and

(b) if so, the details of the amendment made and the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL) : (a) and (b) Arising out of the non-availability of suitable candidates for this post, according to the existing recruitment rules, Government is considering various alternatives of filling the post.

Provision of Aid to Private Ayurvedic Colleges of Delhi

9008. SHRI AJIT BAG : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the two private Ayurvedic Colleges of Delhi, namely, the Ahimsa Ayurvedic College, Shankar Road, and S.D. Ayurvedic College, Krishna Nagar, New Delhi have applied for grant-in-aid for the last three years through Secretariat (Medical) Delhi Administration ; and

(b) if so, reasons why these colleges have not been provided the economic aid ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE ; (SHRIMATI MOHSINA

KIDWAI) : (a) and (b) A draft pattern for financial assistance to the two private Ayurvedic Colleges in Delhi was received from the Delhi Administration for approval by this Ministry. The draft pattern was examined in consultation with the Planning Commission and the Delhi Administration has been requested to furnish certain relevant information which is awaited.

Supply Made by Government Medical Store Depots

9009. SHRI K.B.S. MANI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the percentage of supply made by the Government Medical Store Depots during 1982-83 as compared to 1980-81 ;

(b) if the percentage is lower, the reasons therefore ; and

(c) the action Government have taken to improve the positions ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARY KUMUD BEN M. JOSHI) : (a) The percentage of supply made by Government Medical Store Depots during 1982-83 is 60.37 as compared to 59.65 during 1980-81.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

विल्लुपुरम और पांडीचेरी के बीच विद्युत रेलगाड़ी चलाने का प्रस्ताव

9010. श्री रामविलास पासवान : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या दक्षिण रेलवे के अन्तर्गत विल्लुपुरम से पांडीचेरी तक की दूरी मात्र 22 किलोमीटर है ;

(ख) क्या विल्लुपुरम और पांडीचेरी के बीच कोई विद्युत रेलगाड़ी नहीं है ;

(ग) क्या विल्लुपुरम से पांडीचेरी तक विद्युत रेलगाड़ी चलाने का सरकार का विचार है ;

(घ) यदि हां, तो कब तक, और

(ङ) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

रेल मंत्री (श्री ए० बी० ए० गनी खान चौधरी) : (क) जी नहीं, दक्षिण रेलवे पर विष्णुपुरम से पांडीचेरी तक की दूरी 38 किलोमीटर है।

(ख) जी नहीं, विष्णुपुरम और पांडीचेरी के बीच कोई बिजली गाड़ी नहीं चलती है।

(ग) विष्णुपुरम से पांडीचेरी तक बिजली गाड़ी चलाने का अभी कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ङ) विष्णुपुरम से पांडीचेरी तक की लाइन विद्युतीकृत नहीं है। इस खंड पर यातायात कम घनत्व के कारण, इस लाइन के विद्युतीकरण की न्यून अर्थक्षमता होगी और इस पर अभी तक विचार नहीं किया गया है।

Steps to Provide Leparoscopy in Public Health Centre.

9011. SHRI BHEEKHABHAI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that leparoscopy is also gaining popularity in extremely backward and tribal areas ; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to equip Primary Health Centre and referral hospitals and dispensaries located in tribal areas to equip these institutions with latest and up date equipment ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI) : (a) No separate information on the number of tubectomy operation done in extremely backward and tribal areas by various techniques is being collected. However, in some States, laparoscopic sterilisation is gaining popularity, while in some others, other techniques have more popular acceptance.

(b) Laparoscopic sterilisation is a surgical procedure that requires experience,

training and skill on the part of the surgeon. Moreover the equipment is sophisticated. It is therefore not possible to equip all the Primary Health Centres, Referral Hospitals and dispensaries with Laparoscopic equipments. However, camps are being organised by several States to organise laparoscopic operations at the PHC level to meet the local requirements.

Study Conducted by East-West Centre, Honolulu

9012. SHRIMATI SANYOGITA RANE : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention had been drawn to the results of a study conducted by the East-West Centre, Honolulu that triomas fuels like wood or cowdung expose women in India to bad eye-sight and cancer ;

(b) if so, what are the other details of study ; and

(c) the steps proposed to improve the situation ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI KUMUD BEN M. JOSHI) : (a) and (b) Government have no information concerning the study conducted by the East-West Centre, Honolulu. However, it is known that the smoke that results from burning wood and cowdung causes irritation to the eyes. This, in turn, causes secondary infection because the exposed person rub their eyes with dirty hands and clothes Government are also not aware of any report identifying smoke from fuels like wood and cowdung as a cause of cancer.

(c) Government are aware of efforts being made to develop and introduce smokeless chulhas in villages. Health education and early treatment of eye infection is being provided under the National Programme of Control of Blindness.

Steps to Popularise Solar Energy for Treatment of Serious Diseases

9013. SHRI NAVIN RAVANI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :