

Doubling of line in Sealdah South Section

9117. DR. NIRMAL SINHA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) what amount had been granted in the previous five years Budget for the improvement of travelling conditions of the passengers in Sealdah South Section;

(b) whether for running more trains in Sealdah South Section there is any proposal of doubling the lines from Baruipur to Diamond Harbour from Baruipur to Lakshmikantapur and from Sonarpur to Canning; and

(c) if not, whether alternative proposals are there to equip immediately all these stations so that UP and Down trains can cross each other by suitable signal arrangement and double track arrangements?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHOUHDURY) : (a) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(b) No.

(c) No proposal as such exists at present.

Stipendary Aid to SC/ST Students

9118. DR. NIRMAL SINHA : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the present methods of stipendary aid to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes from post madhyamik stage have provided facilities for rich sections of the students who could bear the educational expenses up to madhyamic stage;

(b) whether Government have taken any steps for finding any way to provide financial assistance to the students of the weaker section of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes to have their education upto madhyamik standard at least;

(c) if so, details thereof; and

(d) if not, how much time Government propose to take to provide facilities to the students of weaker section of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes to have their minimum education?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND

SOCIAL WELFARE : (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL) : (a) The scheme of post-matric scholarship is operated by Ministry of Home Affairs based on 'means test' which stipulates that only those students whose family income from all sources is less than the prescribed ceiling of Rs. 1000 per month religible for the award of scholarship.

(b) to (d) While Education Departments provide free education upto 8th Class to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in all States, Harijan/Social Welfare, Tribal Welfare and Education Departments of the States operate, in addition, various schemes of incentives/stipendary aid for the educational development of SC/ST students at the pre-matric stage. These cover a large number of students. Comprehensive measures have been envisaged and undertaken to realise the goal of universalisation of elementary education by 1990.

Sections of Communities Averse to Family Planning

9119. SHRI N.E. HORO : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there are certain sections of different communities who are not in favour of accepting the Family Welfare Programmes; and

(b) if so, the details regarding such sections and the policy adopted by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI) : (a) No. All Segments of the Indian Society belonging to different religions, as per the information available, are participating in Family Planning Programme.

(b) Does not arise.

Construction of Trivendrum Bypass

9120. SHRI A. NEELALOHITHADASAN NADAR : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the construction of Trivendrum Bypass is included in the Sixth Plan; and