

Prizes To States For Girls Education

4154. SHRI P. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to give prizes to States which do good work regarding the education of the girls; and

(b) if so, the value of the prizes proposed ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI P.K. THUNGON) : (a) and (b) A proposal for rewards to States, based on excellence of performance in the field of girls' enrolment is under consideration of the Government of India.

Restructuring of Cadre/Upgradation of Posts

4155. SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA HALDER : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether large-scale restructuring of cadres/upgradation of posts on the Railways has been carried out;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether similar restructuring of cadres/upgradation has been carried out in Railway Board Secretariat Service or is contemplated in the near future;

(d) if so, details thereof; if not, reasons therefor;

(e) total cadre strength of Railway Board Secretariat Service in various grades and the number of employees stagnating at the maximum of scale of pay and number who have put in a total of more than 40 years service in the grade;

(f) whether members of Railway Board Secretariat Service are enjoying parity with Railway Services in regard to promotion to the higher administrative posts;

(g) if so, details thereof; if not reasons therefor; and

(h) measures taken/proposed to be taken to remove stangation and provide more avenues of promotion for Secretariat Services ?

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

Setting Up Of A Medical Institute In North Eastern Region

4156. SHRI BISHNU PRASAD : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any decision has been taken by the Government to set up a Medical Institute in the North Eastern Region; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI KUMUD BEN M. JOSHI) : (a) and (b) The Government of India have decided to set up an Institute of Medical Sciences in North Eastern Region at Shillong. The Institute will function as a referral Centre providing super-speciality care. In due courses it will also provide training facilities to medical personal deputed by the Governments/N.Ts in the region.

Commonwealth Conference

4157. SHRI BISHNU PRASAD : SHRI CHITTA BASU : SHRI A. NEELALOHITHA-DASAN NADAR :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the preparations made for the Commonwealth Conference to be held in Delhi;

(b) the subjects included in the agenda of the Conference;

(c) outcome of the visit of the Sec-