

(c) whether Government contemplate to open few more medical colleges in the states and if so, details thereof ; and

(d) the time by which more medical colleges will be opened ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI KUMUDBEN M. JOSHI) : (a) to (d) Admissions in medical colleges are primarily controlled by the State/U.T. Governments and Universities. Government of India do not have any information on the number of students who could not get admissions in various medical colleges in the country.

The existing medical colleges with an annual out-turn of about 13,000 medical students are considered sufficient to meet the manpower requirements of the country.

Declaring Nepal as a "Zone of Peace"

773. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the USA has fully supported and endorsed the proposal that Nepal be declared a "zone of peace" ; and

(b) if so, what steps government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A.A. RAHIM) : (a) The President of the USA is reported to have said in a Banquet speech on December 7, 1983 "We Americans support the objectives of your Majesty's "Zone of Peace" proposal and we endorse it. We would only hope that one day the world in its entirety will be a "Zone of Peace". In the meantime we encourage you to continue to work closely with your neighbours to make Nepal's "Zone of Peace" a reality".

(b) Government do not propose to take any steps in this regard.

Linking of Kandla Port with Ferozepur

774. SHRI L.S. TUR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a link upto Kandla Port from Ferozepar in Punjab by Metre gauge line ;

(b) whether the Government are taking up a small link from Taran Taran on Amritsar-Khem Karan line to Makhu on Ferozepur-Jullundur line which is hardly 34 kilometre ;

(c) whether the Government propose to give priority to this project as it will link J. & K., Punjab, Rajasthan, Haryana and Gujarat ; and

(d) whether the connecting Taran Taran with Makhu, the difference between Ferozepur and Amritsar-Pathankot-Jammu will be reduced by 100 k. m. which is now 197 k. m. upto Amritsar ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) Sir, there is a M.G. link from Kandla Port to Kotkapura only, which is 40 Kms. from Ferozepur.

(b) to (d) No sir.

Targets for Elementary Education and Adult Literacy for 1983-84

775. SHRIMATI SANYOGITA RANE : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the targets for elementary education and adult literacy for 1983-84, the projects under operation and the details of Universities and voluntary organisations involved or associated with these programmes ; and

(b) the details of the schemes for enrolment of girls at the elementary stage and literacy among women ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL