recommended that Centre should provide 100 per cent expenditure for supply of Anti-TB Drugs;

- (c) how much amount was provided by the Government of India during 1983-84 against the target of detection of new cases in Gujarat; and
- (d) how much amount is now proposed to be provided during 1984-85 for the pupose?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI KUMUDBEN M. JOSHI): (a) National TB Control Programme is Centrally Sponsored Scheme on 50:50 basis between the Centre and the States. State-wise allocation is made keeping in view the total outlay agreed to by the Planning Commission Government of India for the programme from year to year. Besides 50% of Central Share, States are incurring 50% of their share in addition to substantial expenditure under their non-plan Budget. Central Government as a part of their spare undertakes to supply equipments and anti-TB drugs to States.

- (b) Yes The Planning Commission, has not supported the proposal.
- (c) Under 50% Central Share, material & Equipments/anti-TB drugs worth about Rs. 25.07 lakhs were supplied to TB Centres in Gujarat during 1983-84.
- (d) A tentative Central allocation of Rs. 86.50 lakhs has been made in budget estimates 1984-85 for supply of material and equipments/anti-TB drugs during 1984-85.

Survey of Banswara-Ratlam Line

7519. SHRI BHEEKHABHAI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

- (a) whether Government have reconsidering the desirability of preliminary survey between Banswara—Ratlam;
- (b) whether it is a fact that all previous surveys were unremunerative because of its length from Dungarpur;
- (c) whether it is a fact that in view of high industrial and agricultural growth, 54 km. distance railway line has become remunerative; and
- (d) whether preliminary data will be collected?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) No, Sir.

- (b) Earleir Survey revealed that the project was not viable even without extension to Dungarpur.
- (c) Remunerativeness of this project has not been re-assessed.
 - (d) Not at present.

Survey of Passenger Traffic on Certain Routes and Introduction of more Train on Ajmer-Khandwa Section

7520. SHRI BHEEKHABHAI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

- (a) whether Government have conducted any survey of passenger traffic on certain routes, on which the trains are running overcrowded and passengers travel on the roof tops of trains;
- (b) if so, the names of such routes and the trains;
- (c) if not, whether it is a fact that passenger trains, specially on metraguage, ruuning from Ajmer to Khandwa are over crowded; and
- (d) if so, whether Government propose to introduce more trains on such

routes or introduce shuttles in order to reduce overcrowding?

Written Answers

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) A census of occupation of the accomodation provided on almost all trains taken twice a year.

- (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.
- (c) Out of 19 pairs of trains running on Ajmer Khandwa Metre-gauge section, the occupation ratio in 3 pairs of Mail/Express trains, 4 pairs of Fast Passenger trains and 3 pairs of shuttle is 100% or more.
- (d) Due to line capacity constraints as well as acute shortage of coaches, it is not possible to introduce more trains on this route at present:

Same Pay & Service Conditions for Allopathic, Ayurvedic and Homeopathic Doctors

7521. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government have referred the case of doctors of Allopathic, Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic to the Fourth Pay Commission for equal treatment in pay scales, basic amenities and service conditions etc.;
- (b) if so, details in this regard; and
 - (c) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Third Pay Commission, which had looked into the matter, did not accept the plea for equal treatment in pay scales of doctors of Allopathic System Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy in view of the differences in their qualification period or training and conditions of service.

Uncovered Platforms of Railway Stations in Kerala

7522. PROF. P. J. KUREIN: SHRI SKARIAH THOMAS: SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHA-VAN

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be please to state:

- (a) the names of Railway Stations in Kerala which have uncovered platforms; and
- (b) what steps are being taken to cover these platforms?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) Sir, out of the 162 railway stations which fall in the Kerala State, 60 stations are without any platform covering. In addition there are 24 stations where the sheds do not exist on all the platforms. Names of these stations are given in the attached statement.

(d) Works for provision of passenger amenities such as platform covers are planned on a programmed basis keeping in view the availability of funds comparative needs of various stations. In Kerala State, provisions of passenger shelter/extension to passenger shelters has been done as under:—

1981	4	stations
1982	5	stations
1983	7	stations

Work on 17 stations is in progress.