

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The D.T.C. is operating a route between ALT Ghaziabad and Madras Hotel with 14 buses with a frequency of 15/30 minutes. Delhi Ghaziabad service is treated as an inter-State service and as per the arrangements between U.P.S.R.T.C. and D.T.C., no addition to the existing service is permissible. Central Indian Pharmacopoeia Laboratory, Ghaziabad is situated at a distance of less than one Km. from ALT Centre, Ghaziabad and the intending commuters can avail of these services conveniently.

Imbalanced Growth of Colleges in Orissa

8174. SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to state the steps taken by the University Grants Commission and his Ministry to check the imbalanced growth of colleges in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL): The primary responsibility for ensuring a balanced development of facilities for higher education in any State is that of the State Governments concerned. Neither the Central Government nor the University Grants Commission have formulated any programmes for this purpose. However, the University Grants Commission has decided to provide financial assistance to colleges located in backward areas on the basis of certain relaxed conditions of eligibility. Appropriate proposals received by the Commission from such colleges are considered and grants sanctioned to them on the basis of norms prescribed for specific purposes.

Alleged Corruption in Railway Hospital

8175. SHRI A. K. ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has received the Leaflet "Rail Mantri Ke Nam Me Khula Patra" published by Eastern Railway Workers' Union, Patratu Branch regarding serious allegations like loots of huge quantity of coal, corruption in Railway Hospital etc; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Ministry to stop such illegalities and huge loss of public money?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY):

(a) No, Sir. However, the said leaflet was received by the Eastern Railway.

(b) Measures taken by the Railway include periodical raids in the sidings, escorting coal rakes and tightening of security in the Steam Locomotive shed at Patratu by the Railway Protection Force in close liaison with the local police and the colliery authorities. Preventive checks have also been ordered in respect of malpractices referred to in the above leaflet.

UGC Study on Higher Education in Asia and Pacific

8176. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a study on higher education in Asia and Pacific has been carried out by University Grants Commission and some recommendations have been made to make higher education more purposeful; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL): (a) and (b) The UNESCO undertook five regional studies devoted to the evaluation of