

Unified Railway Police Force

7973. SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any move to create a unified Railway Police Force to put down increasing crime on the Railways; and

(b) if so, the gist thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) and (b). No, but this idea among others will be considered in discussing with State Governments measures to combat crime and to improve the law and order situation on the Railways.

Introduction of Special Fares for Tourists

7974. SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representation has been made by the Travel Agents Association of India that Railways should introduce special fares for tourist groups when fares are paid in foreign exchange; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Railways Ministry thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) A suggestion for offering special concessional fares to foreign tourists who pay the rail fares in foreign exchange was made by some representatives of the Travel Agents Association of India during its Convention held at New Delhi in March, 1973.

(b) The proposal is not feasible of adoption.

Haryana's Claim over Ravi-Beas Waters

7975. DR. RANEN SEN: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Haryana have made a claim on Ravi-Beas Waters; and

(b) if so, the decision of Government in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No decision has so far been taken in the matter.

Value of current production and demand of Drugs and Pharmaceuticals

7976. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) the value of current production of drugs and pharmaceuticals along with shares of Public Sector, Private Sector (Indian-owned), and foreign-controlled Sector in this total separately;

(b) the current demand (value) for drugs and pharmaceuticals in the country and projected demand by the end of the Fifth Five Year Plan;

(c) Fifth Plan target of productions and respective shares of each sector in this total; and

(d) whether the indigenous sector is facing a stiff competition from the foreign-controlled sector?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The production of pharmaceuticals in the form of finished formulations in the year 1971-72 was of the order of Rs. 300 crores. Of this, the share of the public sector was of the order of 8 per cent while that of the foreign controlled firms has been of the order of 45 per cent.