

**Final Report of the Hathi Committee**

6246. SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPAN :  
 SHRI S. M. BANERJEE :  
 SHRI P. GANGADEB :  
 SHRI SOMCHAND SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) the main recommendations of the Final Report of the Hathi Committee;

(b) what is Government's decision on these recommendations of this Committee;

(c) when it is likely to be implemented; and

(d) whether it is unanimous report of the Members of the Parliament in this Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI K. R. GANESH) :

(a) to (d) The report of the Committee on Drugs and Pharmaceutical Industry was received by the Government on the 6th April, 1975 and the same is receiving attention of the Government.

**Playing of Housie in Railway Institutes at Danapur**

6247. SHRI RAMAVATAR SHATRI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in two Railway Institutes viz., N. C. Ghosh Institute and V. N. Sharma Institute at Danapur on Eastern Railway, Housie (Gambling) is played twice in a week every month.

(b) whether it is a fact that by playing of Housie (gambling) many youngsters are attracted leading to much hardship to their family members in these hard days;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Bihar Government have stopped playing of Housie (gambling) in Danapur Town Club and Danapur Cantonment Board on the issue raised in Bihar Legislative Council on 18th December, 1974 vide Short Notice Question No. 65; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to stop playing of Housie (gambling) in the two Railway Institutes at Danapur immediately in the interest of staff and their families?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) Housie is played once a week only in the two Railway Institutes viz., N.C. Ghosh Institute and V.N. Sharma Institute at Danapur on Eastern Railway.

(b) to (d) Housie is a game of recreation like Rummy or Bridge in which money transactions are likely to take place. As such, it is doubtful if it can be termed as gambling. As the basic object and purpose of maintaining Railway Institutes is to provide recreation to the Railway employees and their families, the question of stopping this game does not arise. It is however, true that Bihar Government have stopped the game of Housie in Danapur Town Club and Danapur Cantonment Board.

**Double Railway Tracks for Patna Gaya and Kiul-Gaya Sections (Eastern Railway)**

6248. SHRI RAMAVATAR SHATRI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is prolonged detention of both Up and Down trains invariably due to single track on the Patna-Gaya section and Kiul-Gaya section of the Eastern Railway;

(b) if so, does it result in consumption of extra fuel which could otherwise be avoided;

(c) whether Gaya being a place of international pilgrimage the single track as stated in (a) results in overcrowding of trains; and

(d) if reply to (a), (b) and (c) are in affirmative, when these tracks are proposed to be doubled.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No. There is marginal overcrowding in certain trains which is not attributable to single line track.

(d) Does not arise.