

Manufacture of Emergency Lighting Equipment

1197. Shri P. K. Deo: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether lately emergency lighting equipment has been manufactured in the South Eastern Railway Workshop and has been provided in the trains to facilitate relief operation at times of accident at night;

(b) in which of the trains this facility has been provided; and

(c) whether similar facilities have been extended to other railways?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a). Yes.

(b). On all Broad Gauge Mail, Express and long distance main line passenger trains on the South Eastern Railway.

(c). Yes. This equipment is being progressively installed on passenger trains on the Indian Railways.

Attendants in Corridor Coaches

1198. Shri P. K. Deo: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether attendants have been provided in all the first class corridor coaches in the trains?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): As a first step, Attendants are being provided, in the I Class corridor coaches on some important trains.

Price of Fertilizers

1199. Shri R. S. Pandey: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any disparity in the retail prices of ammonium sulphate and other fertilizers supplied to agriculturists and plantations; and

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to eliminate the disparity?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a). Yes, a statement is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 17].

(b). The matter is under consideration.

Alopecia Universalis

1200. Dr. L. M. Singhvi: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether any facilities exist in India for the treatment and cure of Alopecia Universalis;

(b) whether Government are aware of various surgical and clinical advances abroad in the treatment of this ailment;

(c) whether anything is being done to promote similar experiments and lines of treatment in this country; and

(d) whether there is any definite data regarding the incidence of this disease in India and the main causes of it?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) to (d). Facilities for the treatment of Alopecia Universalis exist in all general hospitals in the country. There is no specific cure for this disease but certain groups of the cortisone family of drugs give relief in some cases. However, the steroid effect is not permanent and Alopecia Universalis recurs if the maintenance dose is lowered to 6 mgm. Continuous use of cortisone is also not advisable.

There are no data available with regard to the incidence of this disease. It is congenital in some cases and the disease is also acquired through psychological or toxic conditions.

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