- 6. Prevalent pay scales in the State concerned, will be admissible to the proposed staff.
- 7. Filling of teaching posts will be by regular modes of recruitment, namely, competitive selection by advertisements.
- 8. Application for financial assistance should be routed through State/ Govt./UT concerned, with specific recommendation.

# [Translation]

## **Express Train from Ayodhya**

4203. SHRI LAXMINARAIN MANI TRI-PATHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any scheme to introduce express train from Avodhva to Puri, Kanyakumari, Rameshwaram and other religious places of South India like Tirupati:
  - (b) if so, when; and
  - (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) Operational and resource constraints.

### [English]

# Sanskrit Vidvapeeths

4204 SHRIK MURALEEDHARAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DE-VELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Adarsh Sanskrit Vidyapeeths in existence in the country, State-wise:
- (b) whether the Government propose to open new Sanskrit Vidyapeeths in the near future: and
  - (c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RE-SOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Statewise Adarsh Sanskrit Vidyapeeths (Maha-vidyalayas/Sodh Sansthans) are as under:-

- 1. **Bihar**
- 2. Haryana 2
- 3. Himachal Pradesh
- 4. Kerala 1
- 5. Maharashtra
- 6. Tamil Nadu 3
- 7. Uttar Pradesh 3
- (b) and (c). Some proposals have been received from Sanskrit Organisations for conversion as Adarsh Sanskrit Maha-Vidyalayas/Sodh Sansthans, but no final decision has yet been taken.

# Private Hospitals/Nursing Homes in the Country

4205. SHRI Y.S. RAJASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of private hospitals/nursing homes set up during each of the last three years;
  - (b) the minimum infrastructural facilities

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required for setting up of private hospitals/ nursing homes; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure that the rates are adhered to in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) The number of private and voluntary organisation hospitals as on 1.1.1989, 1.1.1990 & 1.1.1991 in the country are as under:-

Year	No. of hospitals
1.1.1989	6341
1.1.1990	6469
1.1.1991	6666

- (b) Adequate provisions exist in Nursing Homes Acts in respect of minimum infrastructural facilities required for setting of private hospitals/nursing homes. However, Nursing Homes Act etc.vary from State to State
- (c) There is no law to regulate the fees charged by private hospitals/nursing homes.

#### **Downgrading of Pundunagaram Station**

4206. SHRI V.S. VLIAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to downgrade the Pudunagaram railway station in Kerala by Madurai Divisional Authority;
  - (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any protests have been reported against this move; and

(d) if so, steps taken/proposed by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) No. Sir.

- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) One representation was received that this station should not be converted
- (d) At present there is no proposal to convert Pudunagaram block station into a flag station.

## [Translation]

# Demand of Workers at Moradabad Division

4207 DR S.P. YADV: SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR: SHRI HARIKEWAI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the divisional headquarter, Moradabad have received complaints regarding theft, fake recruitments and corruption etc.:
  - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
  - (c) the action being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) to (c). Some casual labour were offered appointments in the year 1988. Subsequently, it came to light that quite a few of these casual labour had been appointed on the basis of forged certificates. Appropriate disciplinary action is being taken against those involved.