

Wagon Manufacturing Unit In Sahibganj

3325. SHRI SIMON MIRANDI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a wagon manufacturing unit in Sahibganj to remove the difficulties being faced in the transportation of coal and precious stones from that area;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) There is no proposal to set up wagon manufacturing unit at Sahibganj.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) By and large no difficulty is faced in meeting the requirement of wagons at Sahibganj, Incidentally, location of wagon manufacturing unit in any particular area is in no way linked with the shortage of wagons, if any, in that area.

Doubling of Patna-Gaya Railway Line

3326. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR:
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey had been conducted for the doubling of Patna-Gaya railway line;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action proposed to be taken in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

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

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Doubling is taken up when the section capacity of the existing single line section is saturated. This section has not yet reached this stage.

Decline in Outlay for Education

3327. SHRI NITISH KUMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the average expenditure incurred on primary education out of total funds allocated for education has declined over the years;

(b) the average expenditure on primary and higher education out of total funds allocated under Education Head;

(c) the details of expenditure incurred on education in each five year plan so far;

(d) the reasons for decline in the outlay for education; and

(e) the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c). Details are given in the statement attached. It would be seen that the proportion of budgetted expenditure by the Centre and State Govts. on primary education had increased from 30% in the Sixth Plan to 37.7% in the Seventh Plan.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Following the NPE, 1986 a new thrust has been given to universalisation of

elementary education. A number of programmes have been launched for achievement of U.E.E. which include:

(i) The provision of primary schools within 1 km. walking distance of all habitations with a population of 300. In the case of SC/ST habitations, the norm is relaxed to include habitations with population of 200;

(ii) Improvement of physical facilities in primary schools under the centrally sponsored scheme of Operation Blackboard;

(iii) Establishment of District Institutes of Education and Training for improving teacher effectiveness;

(iv) Provision of part-time non-formal education to school drop-outs, girls and working children; and

(v) Provision of incentives such as free uniform, free text-books, attendance scholarships, mid-day meals to SC/ST children and girls.

STATEMENT

The Plan expenditure (Centre & States/UTs) on Elementary Education and Higher Education in the various Plans:

Plan	(FiguresRs. in crores)			Total Education
	Elementary Education	Higher Education (including Tech. Education)		
1	2	3	4	
I Plan	85.00 (55.6)	34.00 (22.2)		153.00
II Plan	95.00 (34.8)	97.00 (35.5)		273.00
III Plan	201.00 (35.7)	212.00 (36.0)		589.00
IV Plan	239.00 (30.4)	301.00 (38.3)		786.00
V Plan	317.00 (34.8)	312.00 (34.2)		912.00
VI Plan	870.00 (29.6)	866.00 (29.4)		2943.00
VII Plan	2877.00 (37.7)	2293.00(30.0)		7631.00

Note: Figures in parentheses are percentage to total expenditure on education