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56.	Prabhat Shikshan Prasarak Mandal	Nanded	3,97,687.00
57.	Bhagirath Shikshan Sanstha	Nanded	4,45,410.00
58.	Public Progressive Development Circle	Nanded	4,45,400.00
59.	Jeevan Sanstha	Pune	95,445.00
60.	Kunturkar Education Society	Nanded	3,97,687.00
61.	M/s Shyam Bengal Shyadri Films Dadar	Bombay	85,80,000.00
62.	M/s Shakil Productions, Ashraf Studios, Mahim	Bombay	1,30,000.00
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63.	Jan Seva Sanstha	Aurangabad	50,000.00
64.	Prerna Prathisthan	Satara	58,12,852.00
65.	Vanarai People Movement for Green India	Pune	10,10,975.00
66.	Dharmitra, Bank of India Colony	Wardha	14,73,500.00
67.	Indian Institute of Education	Pune	7,50,750.00
68.	Munivar Abad-Charitable Trust	Mumbai	2,42,886.00
69.	Probhat Shiksha Prasarak Mandal	Nanded	4,02,130.00
70.	Kunturkar Education Society	Nanded	2,40,350.00
71.	Priyadarshini Mahila & Bal Kalyan Pratisthan	Pune	1,16,000.00
72.	Yuva Vikas Pratisthan	Ahmednagar	2,21,374.00
73.	Shri Sidheshwar Gyan Prasarak Shikshan Mandal	Latur	27,500.00
74.	Sarvangeen Manav Vikas Sansthan	Latur	1,95,000.00
75.	Society for Education in Values and Action	Aurangabad	28,000.00
76.	Kunturkar Education Society	Nanded	2,77,200.00

[English]

Transportation of Betel Leaves

3260. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE :
SHRI LAKSHMAN CHANDRA SETH :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the difficulties being faced by betel leave growers for transportation of betel leaves from Macheda and Panskura Railway Stations to different parts of the country due to irregular attachment of SLRs with various trains in South Eastern Railway; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to provide VPU's and VP rakes ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Railway is aware of the difficulties of betel leave growers.

(b) South Eastern Railway has taken sufficient steps in consultation with the betel leaves merchants and VPs/SLRs have been earmarked for Panskura and Mecheda stations on programmed basis which is monitored regularly. However, problem does arise sometimes due to shortage of VPs.

Fixation of Labour Material Ratio

3261. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government fixed labour and material ratio of 60 : 40 in execution of works under various Rural Employment Schemes, like JRY, EAS etc.;

(b) whether labour and material ratio is not practical because of increased material cost in construction of permanent structures and to maintain the accounts correctly;

(c) whether the Government has been requested to amend the ratio of labour and material 60 : 40 by various States ; and

(d) if so, the action proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Jawahar Razgar Yojana (JRY) and employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) are wage employment programmes. The main objective of these programmes is to provide wage employment to the rural poor by taking up labour intensive works. To meet this objective, 60% of the funds are spent on payment of wage under these programmes.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The request of various States to amend the wage material ratio is being examined in the Ministry.

Contribution of Airport in Kolar

3262. SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a large area of land under his Ministry is lying vacant near Kolar;

(b) if so, whether there was a proposal to construct an airport on this land; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Union Government in this regard thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) An area of approximately 389 acres of defence land near Kolar is being used by Air Force for their operational requirements.

(b) and (c) At present, there is no proposal pending in the Ministry of Defence for construction of an Airport on this particular land.

[Translation]

Quality of Items Served by Railways

3263. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received complaints regarding inferior quality of mineral water, food, tea and other items served at the Kanpur Central Station and in the Shatabadi Express;

(b) if so, whether the Government have conducted any inquiry in this regard;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF

PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK) : (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Chief Catering Inspector-in-Charge of the Kanpur Departmental Catering Unit has been replaced. Catering services at Kanpur and in Shatabadi Express are being closely monitored. Regular and random sampling of water is done to ensure quality control.

[English]

Counter Magnet City Scheme

3264. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY : Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have approved any scheme for development of cities under the Counter Magnet City scheme in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the allocation made during 1997-98, city-wise?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI) : (a) There is no scheme for development of cities under the Counter Magnet City Scheme in the country. However, there is a programme within the National Capital Region Plan to develop towns outside the National Capital Region to act as counter-magnets.

(b) The following five counter magnet areas have been selected by the NCR planning Board for development:

- (i) Bareilly (U.P.)
- (ii) Kota (Rajasthan)
- (iii) Patiala (Punjab)
- (iv) Hissar (Haryana)
- (v) Gwalior (M.P.)

(c) During 1997-98 an amount of Rs. 13.00 crore was allocated for development of Bareilly Counter Magnet Town.

[Translation]

Reservation for War Soldiers of Emergency Period

3265. SHRI MOHAN SINGH : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any reservation have been made in civil and public services for the army jawans and officers recruited during the emergency period of war with China and Pakistan during 1962 and 1965 respectively;

(b) if so, whether this facility has also been extended to those jawans and officers who took part in the 1971 Bangladesh war; and