

compartments are always over-crowded. The Hon. Minister may please answer my question.

[English]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : You had not put the question on ticketless travel. You had put some other question. Therefore, it cannot be answered. I have already ruled out your question. Please sit down.

#### Passenger Service between Digha and Patna Junction

\*599. SHRI C. P. THAKUR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the rail line between Digha and Patna junction is being utilised for carrying goods; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to start a passenger service between Digha and Patna Junction to ease the traffic problem ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

SHRI C. P. THAKUR : There is a railway track between Patna railway junction and Digha which runs by the side of the secretariat, which is a very busy place. If you just add one passenger train in the morning hours or in the evening hours, it will greatly help in easing the traffic problems of these people.

My second supplementary is that the people of Bihar have got very little facilities to go to the South. If you just extend the Mahanagari Express to Patna Jn. and also the Ganga-Kaveri Express to Patna Jn., it will greatly facilitate people of Bihar who want to go to the South.

SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : The Patna-Digha line is an 8.3 Km. long siding, taking off from Patna station, which is at present open only to goods traffic, and not to passenger traffic. (*Interruptions*) This line is

not open to passenger traffic. It is open only to goods traffic; and developing passenger terminal facilities will again mean an additional outlay. Keeping in mind the number of passenger for this area, it is not considered appropriate as yet to open this to passenger traffic, or to invest any more in passenger terminal facilities. Because there is not much population adjoining this siding, it is very easy to use buses and rickshaws for travel in this area.

SHRI C. P. THAKUR : My second supplementary was regarding the extension of Mahanagari Express and the Ganga-Kaveri Express to Patna.

SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : That suggestion will be kept in mind.

[Translation]

SHRI KRISHAN PRATAP SINGH : The Patna-Digha railway line is 7 or 8 kilometer long. Survey, etc, for the construction of a bridge over the Ganga, for extension of this line has been completed. I would like to know from the Hon. Minister whether it is proposed to be included in the Seventh plan.

[English]

SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : This is not relevant to this question.

[Translation]

#### Scheme for moral education

\*600. SHRI MOOL CHAND DAGA : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether with a view to raise the national character, there is any scheme in the Seventh Five Year Plan to devote special attention to moral education in the educational curriculum;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the shape in which it would be implemented; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

[English]

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION