

(a) whether a number of representations has been received by Government from Daily Passenger Organisations for the amelioration of the difficulties being faced by the daily passengers travelling in the shuttle trains between Nasirabad-Ajmer and Beawar-Ajmer ;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to remove the difficulties being faced by the daily passengers ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) Five representations have been received.

(b) and (c) : (i) A drive has been initiated for improving the punctual running of the passenger trains on both these sections as also for improving the condition of coaches on these trains ;

(ii) The stoppages of Garib Nawaz Express at Nasirabad has not been considered desirable as it is a long distance train ;

(iii) Since Ajmer-Kacheguda Express is a long distance train and is fully petronised, permission to season ticket holders to travel by this train will inconvenience the long distance passengers ;

(iv) Due to scarcity of diesel engines, it is not possible to dieselise the shuttle trains ; and

(v) Due to lack of resources, speeding up of trains and avoidance of tender foremost running are not feasible.

[English]

Supply of Sub-Standard Quinine Based Drug to Cure Malaria

*253. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI :
SHRI P. NAMGYAL :

Will the Minister of HEALTH

AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that quinine based drugs being supplied to fight the Malaria outbreak are proving to be sub-standard and do not cure the Malaria fever ;

(b) what is the source of supply of these medicines ;

(c) whether the Government have stopped the import of the effective medicines for this disease ; and if so, the reasons thereof ; and

(d) whether it is a fact that the number of relapse cases this year is higher and the malaria parasites are becoming resistant to quinine-based medicine and if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The quinine-based anti-malaria drugs are indigenously available.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Resistance of the malaria parasite to the Quinine has not been reported in the country. There is no data base to state that the number of relapse cases during the current year is higher.

Proposal to Set-up A Medical University in States

*254. SHRI SUDHIR ROY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal to set up a Medical University in each State for improving the quality of medical education ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and