

(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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

**THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI) :** (a) to (c) : The Medical Education Review Committee has made recommendations regarding the setting up of Universities of Health Sciences in order to bring about coordination between educational and training institutions of the modern and various Indian Systems of Medicine, Nurses, Pharmacists etc. Government are yet to take a final view in the matter.

#### **Expansion and Development of Railways in Kerala**

\*255. **SHRI T. BASHEER :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the proposals accepted for expansion and development of Railways in Kerala ;

(b) which of these proposals are proposed to be executed in 1985-86 and 1986-87 ; and

(c) whether Kerala is likely to be provided with any new Railway lines during the Seventh Plan ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) :** (a) Construction of the following important works have been approved for expansion and development of the Railway in Kerala :

- (1) New BG line from Ernakulam to Alleppey.
- (2) Extension of the BG line from Alleppey to Kayankulam.
- (3) 3 doubling works on remaining single line stretches on Olavakkot—Shoranur—Alwaye Sections.

(4) Traffic facility works on Shoranur—Mangalore Section.

(b) Work on Ernakulam—Alleppey is under execution in 1985-86 and will also remain under execution in 1986-87. During 1985-86, only a token provision has been made for extension of line from Alleppey to Kayankulam so as to use the limited resources on first completing the line upto Alleppey. Funds for this line in 1986-87 will be considered depending on the overall allocation of resources for new lines

(c) The New BG line from Ernakulam to Alleppey is expected to be completed during the VII Five Year Plan. Completion of line from Alleppey to Kayankulam and the question of taking up of other lines will depend on allocation of resources for the Railway Sector in the VII Five Year Plan.

#### **Increased Production of Artificial Limbs**

\*256. **SHRI HARISH RAWAT :** Will the Minister of SOCIAL AND WOMEN'S WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that artificial limbs being manufactured for the handicapped persons are inadequate to meet the requirement and that the production of certain special limbs is much less ;

(b) if so, whether Government have any proposal to increase the capacity of the existing limbs manufacturing centre and to open new centres ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL AND WOMEN'S WELFARE (SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR) :** (a) Government are not aware that artificial limbs