

There has been a hat-trick and by the time I reach the fourth name the time will be over.

Shri Chinta Mohan. He is also not there. There is no *chinta* now.

Shri Amar Roypradhan. Here you are! You have broken the monotony and by that time the time will be over.

Linkage of stipend to interns in Medical Colleges and Hospitals with price index

*397. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the present rate of stipend paid to interns in the Medical Colleges and Hospitals in the country;

(b) whether it has any linkage with the price index;

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

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and on what basis the present stipend is given to the interns ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) to (d). Interns of the Central institutions/hospitals (including Statutory/Autonomous Bodies wholly financed by the Central Government) are paid a monthly stipend of Rs. 750/- with effect from 1st January, 1985. Since this amount is only a stipend and not a wage, it is not linked with the price index.

As per available information, the rate of stipend payable to the interns of the State medical colleges/hospitals varies from Rs. 325/- to Rs. 600/- except in the case of Haryana and Himachal Pradesh where the stipend amount has recently been increased to Rs. 800/- per month.

MR. SPEAKER : The question is over.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY : The Minister can explain the answer.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

Rail Line from Qazi Gund to Uri in Jammu and Kashmir

*387. SHRI JANAK RAJ GUPTA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether laying of railway line from Qazi Gund to Uri in Jammu and Kashmir State is under consideration of Government;

(b) whether it is also a fact that survey was conducted for this purpose; and

(c) if so, when Government propose to start work on this project ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) No, Sir. Not at present.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Due to severe constraint of resources and heavy commitments already in hand, the question of taking up this work will have to await consideration till the position of resources improves.

Awarding Degrees/Diplomas and Certificates in Indian System of Medicines and Homocopathy by unauthorised Institutions

*388. SHRI LAKSHMAN MALLICK : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether some cases of unauthorised institutions awarding degrees/diplomas/certificates in Indian System of Medicine and Homocopathy have come to the notice of Government during the last three years;

(b) whether some cases have also come to the notice of Government of unqualified persons practising these systems of medicine in the country;

(c) if so, whether any time bound programme was launched and some persons were arrested in this regard through vigilance;