

under consideration to give the status of a full fledged university to the Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi ;

(b) if so, the action taken so far and if not, the reasons thereof ; and

(c) whether Government have received any representation from different sections of people in this regard and if so, the action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI) : (a) to (c). The Executive Council of the Jamia Millia Islamia has resolved that the Jamia may be declared as a statutory Central University by an Act of Parliament. Communications to this effect have also been received from a few individuals and associations. The

proposal is being considered in consultation with the UGC.

**Pending railway projects of Eastern and Northern Railways**

\*374. SHRI CHIRANJI LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the pending railway projects of Eastern and Northern Railways awaiting clearance with details of each project ; and

(b) the time by which these projects will be cleared and completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b). Details of projects which have not yet been cleared by the Planning Commission are as under :

S. No.	Project	Length (Kms.)	Remarks regarding clearance
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*Eastern Railway*

1.	Budge Budge-Namkhana and Lakshmikantpur-Kulpi New Line.	100	Reappraisal survey for a shorter length from Lakshmikantpur to Namkhana via Kulpi has since been approved to determine its financial implication for further examination in consultation with Planning Commission. The reduced scope of the Budge Budge-Namkhana New Line Project will be reviewed, after completion of the reappraisal, at the time of mid-term appraisal of the 7th Plan, in consultation with the Planning Commission.
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2.	Circular Railway, Calcutta (Part II)	18.5	Clearance of the Planning Commission to Part I of the Project involving provision of single line track between Dum Dum and Prinsep Ghat has been received in March, 1986.
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*Northern Railway*

NIL

**Improvement in I.A. Services**

\*379. SHRI AKHTAR HASAN : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) keeping in view eleven per cent increase in Indian Airlines traffic, what efforts are being made, including addition in the number of aircrafts, not only to keep up the efficiency and standards but to bring about all round positive improvement in services ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) and (b). Apart from augmentation of aircraft capacity to cater to the projected growth in the passenger traffic, concerted efforts are being made to bring about positive improvements in inflight services, ground handling, passenger facilitation, ticketing and booking offices and in the on-time performance of Indian Airlines.

[Translation]

**Separate railway zone for Bihar**

\*380. SHRI KALI PRASAD PANDEY: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that with a view to extend more railway facilities in Bihar, the General-Secretary of the Bihar Passenger Welfare Association has submitted a memorandum to the Government

demanding a separate Railway Zone for Bihar with its headquarters in Patna ; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard ?

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

(b) The proposal has been examined and not found justified.

**Improvement in medical education and uniform curriculum**

\*381. SHRI K.N. PRADHAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering bringing about changes in the medical education system along with introducing new education system ;

(b) if so, the outlines thereof ; and

(c) whether Government also propose to introduce uniform curriculum throughout the country ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) to (c). The National Health Policy approved by the Parliament emphasises the need for formulating, separately, a national medical and health education policy which should set out the changes required to be brought about in the curricular contents and training programmes of