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2. Circular Railway,
Calcutta
(Part II)

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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.

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 cleven 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