

SHRI JITENDRA PRASADA : Sir, if 10+2 system of education has been adopted by all the States, then I would like to know whether in some States 10+2+2 system and in some other States 10+2+3 system is in vogue? Is the Government aware of the difficulties that are being faced by the students in this regard? If so, what steps Government is taking to ensure that a uniform pattern of education is adopted throughout the country and the time by which the uniform pattern of education will be made effective?

SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI : Mr. Speaker, Sir, the National Education Policy envisages uniform pattern of education throughout the country and the Government wants to implement it also. All the States have accepted 10+2 system. Earlier, there were five States who did not adopt it initially, but too have adopted it from 1985. Thus, a uniform pattern has been started throughout the country.

SHRI JITENDRA PRASADA : May I know the time by which it will be given effect to?

SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI : All the States have already adopted it.

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO) : I would like to tell you that when a new system of education is adopted, the old system does not come to an end at once. For some time, both the systems continue to be in vogue and it takes some time before the old system ends altogether. This is our experience that it took 5 to 6 years to switch over completely to new system of education even in the case of those States who adopted it after the publication of Kothari Commission Report. I think, even in the case of those who adopted it in 1985, it will take 4 to 5 years to switch over completely to new system. In the meanwhile, they will have to continue with the old pattern partially.

SHRI JITENDRA PRASADA : In reply to the question, it has been stated that pre-service and in-service training programmes for teachers have been evolved. As these programmes will help in the implementation of uniform pattern of education in different States, I would like to know what are the salient features of such programmes?

[English]

SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO : The new policy and the new programmes of action have brought out very clearly the need for having a very much better system teacher education in the country. The National Teachers Commission, the State Governments and the Central Governments have now agreed on a new pattern, the DIET pattern, i.e. District Institute of Education and Training. We have several such training institutions in the districts. Members have complained that there are so many irregularities being committed by these institutions. There are 1500 of them in the country. We want to bring them down to 400 or 500. It is not going to be easy because to close down a running institution does present problems. But we are determined to see that these institutions are brought down in number. And the institutions that would be re-organised, they will be much better and on the basis of the recommendations of the National Commission of Teachers. All those details are being worked out. After the programme of action has been accepted, this is what we have been engaged in doing. I would be able to give more details about the DIET in course of time. They are receiving attention and probably they are receiving finishing touches at the moment.

Close Circuit Colour T.V. Sets at
Railway Stations

*417. **SHRI CHANDRA KISHORE PATHAK :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have a proposal under their consideration to install

close-circuit colour T.V. sets at all Railway Stations ;

(b) the names of railway stations where close circuit colour T.V. sets have been installed and the criteria of selecting railway stations for this purpose ; and

(c) when railway stations in Bihar specially in Saharsa district are likely to have this facility ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Selection of railway stations is based on density of traffic and importance. Close Circuit Colour T.V. sets have been installed at Madras Central, Calicut, Madras Egmore, Bangalore City, Coimbatore, Patna, Bhopal, Nagpur, Secunderabad, New Delhi, Bhubaneswar and Waltair.

(c) Close Circuit Colour T.V. system is already operational at Patna station. There is no proposal at present to install Close Circuit Colour T.V. sets at railway stations in Saharsa District of Bihar.

[Translation]

SHRI CHANDRA KISHORE PATHAK : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to know from the hon. Minister as to what is his definition of 'important stations' ? Is only Patna an important station in Bihar and none else ? Is Samastipur, the regional headquarters, not an important station ?

SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : The norm for a station to be important is the number of passengers travelling to and from that station. Besides Patna, which is an important station in Bihar, we have taken up the installation of C.T.V. at some other stations of North Eastern Railway, namely, Kathgodam, Pilibhit Junction, Fatehgarh, Gonda Junction, Varanasi City, Chapra Junction, Barauni Junction, Samastipur Junction and Darbhanga Junction.

SHRI GIRDHARI LAL VYAS : I would like to know from the hon. Minister the purpose for which the T.V. sets are being installed at big railway stations ? Is only the performance of the hon. Railway Minister shown on T.V. or something beneficial to the passengers is also shown ?

SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : It appears that the hon. Member has some objection to the works done by the Railways. He had said the same thing in his budget speech also and now the same thing is reflected in his question. The main purpose of installing T.V. sets is to give railway information such as train timings or late running of trains for which 50 per cent of time is allotted. The remaining 50 per cent time goes to commercial advertising. Whosoever is awarded this contract is free to allot 50 per cent time to other parties.

[English]

SHRI BHADRESWAR TANTI : Sir, I want to know from the hon. Minister that at how many stations in Assam these T.V. sets have been installed for the convenience of the passengers as well as for the convenience of the Department. So far as my knowledge goes, only at Guwahati it has been installed and not at any other station in Assam. So, I would like to know what steps are being taken by the Ministry in this regard.

SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Sir, we will be certainly considering certain stations in the N.F. Railway also. At present we are considering them but I can assure the hon. Member that we will be installing such T.V. sets.

[Translation]

SHRI SHIV PRASAD SAHU : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to submit to the hon. Minister that there is a broad gauge railway line from Chota Nagpur too. But in his reply to the supplementary question a little while ago, he did mention the names of some stations of North Bihar but left out Ranchi, the second capital of Bihar and Jamshedpur

(Steel city). Therefore, I would like to know whether the hon. Minister would arrange to install colour T.V. sets in my area too ?

SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : It will be considered.

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[Translation]

Allotment of steam coal wagons to States

*408. BY SHRI K.N. PRADHAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of steam coal wagons allotted to different States during 1986 together with the actual requirement of each State ; and

(b) whether allotted wagons were actually made available to them or allotment was curtailed, and, if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b). Railways do not mention figures of allotment of wagons Statewise. These are maintained coalfieldwise. The allotment of steam coal wagons made in each coalfield during the year 1986 is given in Statement—I below. The total requests received from each State are given in Statement—II below. Allotments made by the railways generally matched the offer of steam coal made by the coal industry.

Statement—I

Field wise Programme, offer and Allotment of Steam Coal for Consumers other than Railways, during 1986

(Daily average in terms of four wheeled wagons)

Field	Programme	Offer by Coal Company	Allotment by Railway	Percentage of	
				Offer to Programme	Allotment to Offer
1	2	3	4	5	6
Raniganj	463	317	352	68	111
Mugma—Salabpur	43	11	11	26	100
Asansol	10	5	5	50	100
Jharia	45	16	15	36	94
Karanpura	131	125	123	95	98
Total Eastern Railway	692	714	507	68	107