

sibly be featuring in the Planning Commission's decision or it may be because of other priorities. I am sure the Planning Commission will pay heed to our recommendations but they have to keep the entire perspective in mind.

[*Translation*]

SHRI K.D. SULTANPURI: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the hon. Minister has asked us to contact the Himachal Pradesh Government for the acquisition of land for the Talwara Railway line. Speaking in this House, our former Railway Minister had said that provision has been made in the plan for extension of several railway lines like Kalka to Parwanoo and Jagadhri to Paonta, but nothing has been done in this direction till today. It is unfortunate that the Government has closed down the 50-year old railway line upto Shimla which was a tourist attraction. I want the hon. Minister to clarify whether the Government will restore the train service upto Shimla in order to promote tourism in Himachal Pradesh?

SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: I will send a detailed reply to the hon. Member in this regard.

#### WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[*English*]

##### **Renovation of Air India Offices in Delhi**

\*323. SHRI MANIK REDDY:  
SHRI PRAKASH CHANDRA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to decorate/renovate Delhi offices of Air India in Himalaya House, Scindia House and the Mega Centre;

(b) if so, the amount involved and the head for this expenditure; and

(c) the estimated value of the furnishings, etc. likely to become surplus and the manner in which it will be utilized?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). An amount of Rs. 54.95 lakhs has been incurred on the new Booking Office opened by Air India in the Jeevan Bharti Building (Mega Centre). This amount has been incurred under the head "Maintenance of Buildings and Equipment" Renovation of Scindia House and Himalaya House is contemplated at an estimated cost of Rs. 37 lakhs to meet the changed requirements.

(c) The major portion of the furniture will be used by other Departments of Air India. Only the old counters at Scindia House will have to be auctioned and their written down value is negligible.

[*Translation*]

##### **Shortage of Teachers in Rural Delhi Schools**

\*329. SHRI BHARAT SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a shortage of teachers in schools running on 10 plus 2 pattern in rural areas of Delhi;

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by Government in this regard;

(c) whether there is no college in Najafgarh Block of Delhi; and

(d) if so, the time by which a college will be opened in Najafgarh Block?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b). There is some shortage, which is not unusually large, of teachers in schools located in rural areas of Delhi. Delhi Administration is taking steps to fill up these vacancies early.

(c) There is no college in Najafgarh Block.

(d) There is no such proposal under consideration.