

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Selection of Districts in Bihar for special Health Programme under UNDP assistance

*233. SHRI R. P. YADAV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether five districts in Bihar have been selected for special health programme under UNDP Assistance Scheme;

(b) if so, the name of the districts where this programme have been launched; and

(c) the details of progress of work with financial outlay therein?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHAN-KARANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) & (c). Do not arise.

Difficulties of ticket checking staff

*235. SHRI AMAR ROY PRADHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the difficulties of Ticket Checking Staff which they are facing while on duty; and

(b) if so, what are their difficulties and how Government propose to remove them?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI KEDAR PANDAY): (a) & (b). The Ticket Checking Staff do not face any unusual difficulties. Occasionally, they face professional hazards, like harassment or man-handling by unruly passengers. These are social problems and can be overcome only by improvement in public discipline.

Phasing out Category of Sub-Head in Accounts Department

*236. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what prompted the Railway authorities to phase out the category of sub-head in the Accounts Department on the Audit pattern;

(b) whether the existing pattern of the Accounts Department of the Railways was functioning ineffectively; and

(c) if so, whether it was on account of sub-heads only?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI KEDAR PANDAY): (a) The decision to phase out the intermediate supervisory level of Sub-Head is part of the implementation of restructuring for Accounts Department introduced from 1st April 1980.

(b) and (c). The restructuring of the Accounts cadre became necessary due to changed patterns of working, arising from the use of Computers, eliminating routine clerical work: also for providing better over all career prospects for staff as a whole. In the revised set-up the intermediate supervisory level of Sub-Head becomes redundant.

Concession to Trekking Parties

*237. SHRI ARJUN SETHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration to give concessions in Railway tickets to the trekking parties and expeditions going on mountaineering purposes; and

(b) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) The Railways have been allowing travel concessions depending upon the merits of each case.

(b) Does not arise.