

SHRI K. A. SWAMI: In most of the stations in the south—Vijayawada and many other stations—good drinking water is not available. May I know what steps the hon. Minister has taken regarding the supply of good drinking water in the railway stations?

SHRI MALLIKARJUN: It is not true that at Vijayawada and other stations pure drinking water is not available. There are 840 stations in the South Central Railway and almost all stations are provided with drinking water facilities through municipal corporations and also through our own open wells and so on. Regular steps are taken to chlorinate the water and for breaching of water whenever there is dirt. For this job, there is a specific staff working under the direction of the Chief Engineer, who check the accumulated water in the overhead tanks.

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सी० के० जाफर शरीफ) : (क) और (ख) जी हां ।

(ग) और (घ). यात्रा/दैनिक भत्ते की दरों में संशोधन केवल रेल कर्मचारियों के लिए नहीं, बल्कि केन्द्रीय सरकार के सभी कर्मचारियों के लिए एक साथ ही किया जा सकता है । बहरहाल, सरकार इस प्रश्न की जांच कर रही है

Distribution of map by pak pavilion in the fair

*461. **SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA:** Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at the India International Trade Fair, held some time back in New Delhi, the Pakistan Pavilion distributed a pamphlet which carried a map showing the entire Azad Kashmir Area as Pakistani territory and the remaining parts of the Indian State of Jammu and Kashmir as "disputed territory"; and

(b) if so, what has been the Government's reaction to it?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Government are not aware that any such pamphlet was distributed by the Pakistan pavilion during the India International Trade Fair held recently in New Delhi. However, some literature from Pakistan with a map of this description might have entered the country and may have been distributed.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

यात्रा/दैनिक भत्ते की दरों का पुनरीक्षण

460. श्री रामाक्षर शारदा : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि रेल कर्मचारियों की यात्रा/दैनिक भत्ते की दरें 1979 में पुनरीक्षित की गई थीं जबकि आज की तुलना में उस समय मूल्य कम थे,

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि उक्त पुनरीक्षण रेलवे बोर्ड द्वारा अपने पत्र सं० पी० सी० III/78/टी० ए०/1 दिनांक 20-4-1979 के अन्तर्गत अधिसूचित किया गया था;

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या वर्तमान मूल्य स्तर को ध्यान में रखते हुए सरकार का विचार यात्रा/दैनिक भत्ते की दरों में वृद्धि करने का है और यदि हां, तो कब तक, और

(b) Government took up the matter with the Pakistan Embassy and conveyed to them our serious concern over the matter.

Railway Service between Lucknow-Agra via Budaan-Kasganj (N.E.R.)

*463. SHRI MOHAMMAD ASRAR AHMAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway service between Lucknow-Agra via Budaun-Kasganj, N.E.R., is working satisfactorily; and

(b) if not, what steps are proposed to be taken by Government to make it work satisfactorily to cater both to goods and passenger traffic and by what time that would be done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b). Sir, there is no direct train between Agra Fort and Lucknow via Kasganj-Budaun. Instead there is a direct train between Agra and Lucknow via Kasganj-Farrukhabad and Kanpur. Passenger services on this route are adequate to cater to the needs of travelling public, but it is a fact, that their punctuality performance is not satisfactory. The punctuality performance of these trains is being effected primarily due to loco failure and alarm chain pulling. Close monitoring is being done at all levels and liaison is being maintained with State Government to arrest menace of alarm chain pulling. The running goods train has improved due to dieselisation and monitoring.

Control over Manufacture of Cheap quality lenses

*464. SHRI K. LAKKAPPA:
SHRI D. M. PUTTE GOWDA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cheap quality lenses can lead to blindness according to experts;

(b) if so, whether Government have any control over the manufacture of such lenses;

(c) if not, action contemplated by Government to ban cheap quality lenses and make available to the needy persons lenses of good quality;

(d) whether it is also proposed to ban the companies manufacturing cheap lenses; and

(e) if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Cheap quality lenses can be harmful in causing discomfort to the individual but do not lead to any permanent damage or blindness.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) There is no such proposal before the Government at present.

(d) and (e). Question does not arise.

Financial Responsibility of Engineering Education programme to be introduced in Engineering Colleges

*465. SHRI HARIHAR SOREN: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of financial responsibility to be undertaken by the Central Government in respect of any engineering education programme that seeks to integrate practical training with Curriculum;