

(c) if so, the measures taken to fill up these vacancies ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI KUMUDBEN M. JOSHI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) There is no shortage of staff in these dispensaries except one Ayurvedic Physician at Gurgaon. This post is going to be filled up shortly

पटना से मद्रास तक एक सीधी सुपर-फास्ट रेलगाड़ी चलाना

*270. श्री विजय कुमार यादव : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या पटना से मद्रास तक एक सीधी रेलगाड़ी चलाये जाने की मांग की गई है और इसकी आवश्यकता भी है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार का विचार पटना से मद्रास तक एक सीधी सुपरफास्ट रेलगाड़ी बनाने का है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस रेलगाड़ी को किस मार्ग से चलाया जायेगा तथा इसे कब तक शुरू करने की संभावना है ?

रेल मंत्री (श्री ए० बी० ए० गनी खां चौधरी) : (क) पटना तथा मद्रास के बीच एक सीधी गाड़ी चलाने के लिए अनुरोध प्राप्त हुए हैं लेकिन इन स्थानों के बीच प्राप्त होने वाले यातायात की मात्रा इतनी नहीं है जिससे एक सीधी गाड़ी चलाने का औचित्य बन सके ।

(ख) जी नहीं ।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Payment of bonus to Railwaymen

*273. SHRI BASUDEB ACHARYA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state reasons for Government's silence on the question of payment of bonus to railwaymen under the payment of Bonus Act ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A.B.A GHANI KHAN CHOU-DHURY) : Railways are exempt from the Bonus Act in terms of provisions contained in Section 32(iv) of the Payment of Bonus Act, 1965. Accordingly this Act will not apply, *inter alia*, to employees employed in a department of the Central Government.

However, the Ministry of Railways have adopted a scheme of Productivity-linked Bonus for railway employees according to which payments have been done in the past upto 1982-83 and which matter naturally is receiving active attention for the year 1983-84 too.

Report of Committee for reorientation of Medical Education in the Country

*277. SHRI ARJUN SETHI :
SHRIMATI SANYOGITA RANE :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to lay a statement showing :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Committee which was appointed by the Centre for a re-orientation of the entire medical education in the country has submitted its report ; and

(b) if so, the details regarding the recommendations which have been accepted by Government ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI KUMUDBEN M. JOSHI) : (a) and (b)