

laid with track renewal trains and portal cranes.

6. For monitoring of the track geometry and running characteristics of the track, sophisticated track recording cars, oscillograph cars and portable accelerometers are being progressively used.

7. Maintenance facilities for coaches and wagons have been modernised.

8. To prevent cases of cold breakage of axle, ROH Depots have been equipped with ultrasonic testing equipment for timely detection of cases of flaws developing in the axles.

9. Training facilities for drivers, guards and other staff connected with train operation have been modernised. Drivers are being trained on simulators.

10. Performance of the staff is constantly monitored. The staff whose knowledge of rules is found deficient are counselled and are sent for refresher training.

Admissions In Meerabai Polytechnic for Women

3294. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Meerabai Polytechnic for women in Delhi had invited applications for admission in various non-engineering courses in 1996;

(b) whether the admission format required the students to get their date of birth, name and place of qualifying examinations, etc. verified from Principals of the institution last attended;

(c) whether such a certificate is superfluous when original certificates are produced at the time of admission;

(d) whether such a certificate is not required in any course in Delhi and outside;

(e) whether Government propose to do away with such unnecessary requirement in future; and,

(f) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPTT. OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir. Certificate from the Principal is intended for verifying the authenticity of the documents since instances have come to notice about submission of forge documents during the previous year.

(d) Similar certificates are required to be produced for admission to a number of educational institutions in Delhi and outside.

(e) and (f) No, Sir.

Facilities to passengers and railway employees

3295. SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Railways provide some facilities to travelling passengers;

(b) if so, the details thereof, class-wise with formalities to be completed to avail of the same;

(c) whether the Indian Railways have also provided some facilities to its employees;

(d) if so, the details thereof, category-wise and formalities to be undertaken to avail of the same;

(e) whether the employees of Indian Railways can travel in any passenger train with their free passes;

(f) whether some reservation quota in all trains and in all classes has been provided to railway employees during their journey against free pass; and