

collected from Zonal Railways concerned and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(b) The Rail Traffic has been restored on all the sections except the following:—

1. Old Malda-Singhabad (N.F. Railway)
2. Manihari-Teznarayanpur (N.E. Railway)
3. Sakri-Nirmali (N.E. Railway)
4. .Thanjharpur-Laukaha Bazar (N.E. Railway)
5. Bakhtiarpur-Rajgir (EL Railway)

All these sections are likely to be restored within this month except Bakhtiarpur-Rajgir where certain special problems have been encountered due to indiscriminate cutting of railway embankment by the local people. The matter is being pursued with the State authorities concerned. As such, no target date could yet be fixed for restoration of this line.

Development of Tourist Spots

440. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPAT-RA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to develop some tourist parks in the dense forest areas of Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): Ministry of Tourism had completed Various development projects in Nandan Kanan Lion Safari Park at a cost of Rs. 19.23 lakhs in 1983, in collaboration with the State Government.

A Forest Lodge is also being constructed at an estimated cost of Rs.

36.76 lakhs at Similipal National Park. An amount of Rs. 33.10 lakhs has already been released by this Ministry in respect of this project.

Funds have also been released for the purchase of two mini-buses and two elephants for use in Similipal National Park.

Such development works are taken up on the suggestion of and in collaboration with the State Governments.

Pyorrhoeal Disease due to Drought in the States

441. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some cases of pyorrhoeal diseases in An-dhra Pradesh, Rajastran, Maharashtra, Kerala and Karnataka had been reported due to drought;

(b) if so, the number of death by these disease in each State; and

(c) what steps Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SA-ROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) No information regarding cases of Pyor-rohoeal diseases in Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Kerala and Karnataka due to drought or deaths on this account has been received by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

The Government has formulated a scheme for Dental Health care during the Seventh Five Year Plan. Under this programme, it is envisaged initially to train Dental Hygienist at selected Dental colleges in the country and these trained Dental Hygienist would provide health education and guidance to the

public for the upkeep and maintenance of their dental health care.

S.T.D. Facilities

442. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to connect New Delhi with any more cities by giving S.T.D. facility; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 415 stations have already been linked with Delhi on STD. It is proposed to link about 200 more stations to Delhi on STD by the end of the 7th Plan.

Central Schools in Meghalaya

443. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Central Schools at present in Meghalaya State; and

(b) whether Government propose to open more Central Schools in Meghalaya and if so, the number thereof and by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) There are, at present 6 Kendriya Vidyalayas located in the State of Meghalaya.

(b) At present, there is no proposal under consideration for opening a Kendriya Vidyalaya in Meghalaya during 19117-88.

Selection of participants for Festival of India being held in USSR

444. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of cultural groups/troups and individual performers, who had participated so far in the Festival of India being held in USSR;

(b) whether in selecting them due care was taken to ensure representation of important cultural trends and troupes of different States; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) The total number of Cultural groups/troups and individual performers, who have so far participated in the Festival of India being held in USSR is 84 consisting of 1073 participants.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Advisory Panels for Music, Dance, Theatre and Folk and Puppetry to recommend selection of artists/ groups have been constituted. These panels comprise of experts in the relevant fields. These committees ensured that as far as possible every state should be represented in the groups selected for Festival of India in USSR. The recommendations of each Advisory Panel are submitted to the Standing Committee of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations chaired by Vice President of India/President ICCR for final selection.

Publishing and distribution of text books by NCERT

445. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government are aware that in the 'Seminar' organised by the 'Federa-