

of Parliament as well as C.G.H.S. beneficiaries of Delhi/New Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. A separate Unani Unit has been sanctioned for C.G.H.S. Calcutta.

(c) Does not arise in view of answer to Part (b).

Passenger facility at Railway Station in Bihar

251. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide drinking water, electric lights and fans sheds, over-bridges etc. at all railway stations in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of those stations in Bihar provided with these facilities so far; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to provide these facilities to the remaining stations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA):

(a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Implementation of "Operation Black Board" in Bihar

252. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the programme of "Operation Black Board" has been implemented in Bihar;

(b) if so, what is the number of schools in rural areas of Bihar where

the above programme has since been implemented;

(c) whether the target announced has since been completed; and

(d) if so, to what extent; if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI):

(a) to (d) According to the information available with the Ministry, Bihar has conducted a special survey in 120 Blocks and 39 Urban areas to ascertain the number of single teacher schools in these areas and availability or deficiency of items to be provided under the scheme of Operation Blackboard in the primary schools in 1987-88. The block project reports have been prepared to be placed before the State Level Empowered Committee to recommend the State's proposals to the Ministry of Human Resource Development for release of Central assistance. The recommendations of this Committee are still awaited.

Ancient Monuments in Bihar

253. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the ancient monuments in Bihar, which have been declared to be of national importance and what are the criteria adopted for the purpose;

(b) whether it is a fact that the condition of these monuments have deteriorated; and

(c) what steps have been taken or are being taken to preserve these monuments properly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI):

(a) A list of monuments and sites

declared to be of national importance in Bihar is attached. [See Appendix CXLV, Annexure No. 9]. The ancient and historical monuments which are more than 100 years old at the time of their consideration for protection and which are found to be of national importance in view of their outstanding archaeological, historical and architectural value are declared protected under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958, while in respect of remaining the respective State Governments are concerned.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Besides looking after their day to day maintenance and upkeep structural repairs, chemical preservation are carried out from time to time according to their individual requirements.

Railway Lines in Bihar

254. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the length of railway lines per 100 sq. kilometres in Bihar is less in comparison to that in other States;

(b) if so, what action is being taken to improve the situation;

(c) what are the names of districts in Bihar where railway services are not available; and

(d) by when Central Government are making efforts to extend railway services in these districts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA):

(a) No, Sir. It is more in comparison to the national average.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Nil.

(d) Does not arise.

Conference of Kendriya Vidyalaya Principals

255. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a two-day conference of Kendriya Vidyalaya Principals on primary education was held on 15th and 16th January, 1988 at New Delhi; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the recommendations made by the Conference and what is Government's reaction thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI):

(a) Yes, Sir. The Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan organised a conference of Principals of Kendriya Vidyalayas in Bhopal, Jammu, Hyderabad and Delhi Regions on 15th and 16th January, 1988.

(b) The recommendations made by the Conference are:

(1) Only three subjects should be taught at the primary classes in Kendriya Vidyalayas:

(i) Hindi

(ii) English

(iii) Arithmetic

Teaching of environmental studies should be merged with the languages.

(2) No home-work need be assigned to the children in classes I and II.

(3) Arithmetic exercises may be done in the school under the supervision of the teachers.

(4) Children should be encouraged to borrow books from Library and read at home. The books may be both informative and interesting.