

### South zone cultural centre

\*216. SHRI V. RAMANATHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the South Zone Cultural Centre which was started a year back is yet to take shape in the South; and

(b) what steps have been taken to vitalise the functioning of the South Zone Centre, with more frequent cultural events/programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) No, Sir. The South Zone Cultural Centre, Thanjavur, which was inaugurated by the Prime Minister on 31st January, 1986, has become functional. It has activated and organized a large range of activities.

(b) Does not arise.

### Helicopter/Vayudoot service to Kailash-Mansarovar

\*217. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to introduce helicopter or Vayudoot services to Kailash-Mansarovar for the benefit of Indian pilgrims visiting the area; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER):

(a) and (b) Since Kailash and Mansarovar are located outside the territory of India. There are no proposals for Vayudoot or for Helicopter Corporation of India Ltd. to undertake flights there.

### Conversion of Purli-Bajnath-Parbhani rail line to Broad Gauge

\*218. SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA JAYAWANTRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to convert Metre Gauge rail line between Purli-Bajnath-Parbhani section in Maharashtra into Broad Gauge; and

(b) if so, by when this work is likely to be taken up and completed?

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is a part of Manmad-Parli-Vajnath conversion. Work is taken up in 1st Phase between Manmad-Aurangabad Commencement & completion of conversion in Parli-Vajnath-Parbhani section will depend on availability of resources in the coming years.

### Delinking of jobs from degrees

\*219. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:  
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether delinking of jobs from degrees as envisaged in the new Education Policy is yet to get filled in the country;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the delay; and

(c) by when it is likely to be implemented throughout the country?