

of the above, functions at Bhopal. Further, Regional Coaching Centres in Aizwal, Naha, Lagun, Imphal; Agartala, Port Blair, Jamshedpur; Kohima, Shillong and Mandi are located in or near tribal areas.

(iii) The scheme of setting up of Sports Hostels in the country initiated by the Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports.

(iv) The Scheme of Sports Talent Search Scholarships of the Department implemented by the Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports.

(v) The scheme of setting up of Field Stations of the Society for National Institutes of Physical Education and Sports (SNIPES) in universities implemented by the Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports. In Madhya Pradesh, four such field stations in universities at Raipur, Jabalpur, Bhopal and Sagar are functioning.

(vi) Incentive Scheme for promotion of Sports and games in schools through prize money.

(vii) The scheme entitled 'Promotion of Sports in Special Areas' launched by the Sports Authority of India for spotting and nurturing sports talent mainly in tribal areas.

#### **Extension of Railway container service to Trivandrum, Madnrai and Trichy stations**

•288. SHRI E. T. GOPALAN: SHRI M. VINCENT;

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at present the railway container service is operating only upto Madras and is not extended to Trivandrum, Madurai and Trichy; and

(b) if so, what steps are contemplated to extend this facility to other important stations also, keeping in view the great demand for this quick transport service?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir. -

(b) The feasibility of opening Domestic Container Terminals at Trivandrum, Madurai and Tiruchirap-palli, on the Southern Railway was examined but not found financially justified due to inadequate traffic prospects.

#### **Corporation for Calcutta Telephones**

•291. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

SHRI CHATURANAN

MISHRA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal for bringing Calcutta Telephones under a corporation; and

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

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

#### **आयुर्वेदिक तथा यूनानी चिकित्सा पद्धतियों को प्रोत्साहन**

\*293. श्री शमीम अहमद सिद्दीकी : क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि अब अधिकाधिक लोग यूनानी तथा आयुर्वेदिक चिकित्सा पद्धतियों को अपना रहे हैं और इन चिकित्सा पद्धतियों से उपचार करने वाले सरकारी औषधालयों की संख्या बहुत कम है ; और

(ख) आयुर्वेदिक तथा यूनानी चिकित्सा पद्धतियों को प्रोत्साहन देने के लिये सरकार क्या कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है?