

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Rs. 9.00 crores.

(b) Out of the total route length of 144 route kilometres, section Arakkonam-Katpadi-Gudiyattam (86 route kilometres) have been electrified so far.

(c) The likely date for electrification of the whole track is 31.3.1986.

(d) and (e) Out of the three traction sub-stations on this section, one at Thiruvallur has already been commissioned. The Railway's portion of work at Valathoor traction sub-station has been completed but this sub-station will be commissioned only after Tamil Nadu Electricity Board erect their transmission line over a stretch of 14 KMs in the reserve forest area for which clearance from Ministry of Environment and Forest is awaited. The Railway traction sub-section at Tirupattur will be completed by 31.12.85 and will be commissioned by 31.1.86 on completion of the works by Tamil Nadu State Electricity Board.

Unani and Ayurvedic Medical Institutes in the Country

1826. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Unani and Ayurvedic Medical Institutes run and maintained by the Central Government;

(b) what is the number of Unani and Ayurvedic Medical Institutes to be set up under the Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(c) what is the number of Unani and Ayurvedic physicians in the service of the Central Government?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI KRISHNAKUMAR): (a) No Unani and Ayurvedic Medical

Institutes are being run and maintained by this Ministry directly. However, National Institute of Ayurveda, Jaipur an autonomous body is totally funded by the Central Government.

(b) Under the Seventh Five Year Plan, a National Institute of Unani Medicine, is being set up by this Ministry at Bangalore.

(c) In the Central Government Health Scheme there are 11 Unani physicians and 65 Ayurvedic Physicians.

Functioning of UNESCO

1827. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the 23rd UNESCO general conference was held on the 10th November, 1985;

(b) if so, how many countries, participated in the conference;

(c) whether it is a fact that a number of countries had pointed out that the UNESCO has not been functioning as earlier;

(d) whether this is due to the US attitude towards the UNESCO; and

(e) if so, what steps are being taken to improve its working and also its continuance which has helped the developing countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SMT. SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) The 23rd General Conference of Unesco was held from 8th October to 9th November, 1985.

(b) 154 Member States and 2 States with observer status participated in the Conference.

(c) to (e) The main agenda of the General Conference related to the Programme and Budget of Unesco for the year 1986-87. In the course of the discussions on the Programme and Budget, some countries expressed their