

**Recognition to Manila Gram Vidya-  
pitha, Allahabad**

1019. SHRI SYED AHMAD HASH MI: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have granted recognition to the Mahila Gram Vidyapitha (Prayaga) Allahabad, a Women's Rural University situated at 21, Sammelan Marg, Allahabad; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) and (b) Universities in the country are established under Acts of Parliament or the State Legislatures. Such universities do not require any further recognition by the Central Government although a new university established after June 17, 1972 has to be declared fit by the UGC for financial assistance from the Commission and other Central sources. The UGC and the Central Government have not received any information about the establishment of the Mahila Gram Vidyapitha at Allahabad as a University, or any proposal for declaring it fit to receive assistance.

**Railway out-agency at Shillong**

1020. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government are aware that an existing Railway out-agency at Shillong has only eight to twelve seats for reservation to Meghalaya passengers against the daily demand of 60 to 100 seats; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) At present, Shillong Out Agency has been provided with a reservation quota of 12 berths in 1st Class, 45 sleepers and

5 seats in IInd class by various trains against the average daily demand of 8 first class and 43 IInd class berths.

(b) In view of the above, there is no proposal at present to enhance the existing quotas.

**Ropeway from Shella-Bholaganj to  
Byrnihat**

1021. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have proposed to introduce a ropeway from Shella-Bholaganj bordering Bangladesh to Byrnihat;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when the work is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL), (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**Railway connection for Garo Hills**

1022. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to connect Garo Hills by railways; and

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

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) and (b) No, Sir. A Preliminary Engineering-cum-Traffic Survey was carried out in 1974-75 for a Broad Gauge Railway line from Jogighopa to Darangiri in Garo Hills. This line was, however, not recommended by the North Eastern Council amongst the six new lines in the North Eastern Region, which have since been taken up for construction. Another line between