

the evil effects of drinking and drug abuse by means of grants-in-aid to voluntary organisations and through the use of mass media including AIR and TV. For the benefit of the student community, essay, debate and TV play competitions have been sponsored by the Ministry in selected Universities.

The State Governments have been requested to mount special vigil against the abuse of drugs in Universities|colleges|hostels|campuses and to discourage students from taking to this vice.

Rail bridge over Ganga at Patna

282. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) by when the rail bridge over river Ganga at Patna is likely to be started; and

(b) what is the estimated cost and time schedule for the construction of the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Engineering Field Survey for conducting the feasibility study of the bridge has been completed and Recess Work is in progress, along with the traffic survey. A final decision will be taken in consultation with the Government of Bihar after receipt of the detailed survey report and the same examined, in all its aspects, subject to availability of funds and clearance by the Planning Commission.

The estimated cost will be known only after the results of the survey are known, and the time schedule will be known after a decision is taken on the project.

Proposal to rename G.T. Express after Shrimati Indira Gandhi

283. SHRI R. MOHANARANGAM: SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT: SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to name the New Delhi-Madras Grand Trunk Express after the late Prime Minister Shrimati Indira Gandhi;

(b) whether Government have received proposals from various organisations in this regard; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Some requests have been received for naming New Delhi-Madras G. T. Express as 'Indira Gandhi Express'. It is the policy of the Government not to name the trains after personalities.

Educationists Panel

284. SHRI R. MOHANARANGAM: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to constitute a panel of educationists to evolve a new educational system; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Encroachment of Railway land by M/s. Pure Drinks

285. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state what steps Govern-