

T.B. Eradication Programme

1827. SHRI KALPNATH RAI : Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the TB Association of India has reported that the case finding activity in rural areas is woefully deficient ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the National T.B. Programme introduced several years ago is yet to reach 70 districts ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in the areas where the programme has been implemented, the infra and super structures are weak ; and

(d) if so, what action is being taken to cover the whole of India and strengthen the infra and super structures for proper implementation of the programme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR) : (a) Yes.

(b) No, it is not so.

(c) No.

(d) Does not arise. It may, however, be added that the State Governments are being advised to take up establishment of District TB Centres in the left out districts of their States and add more TB beds where necessary.

Award of degrees of B.A.

1828. SHRI BHAGATARAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Administration have not awarded degrees to the successful candidates of Bachelor of India Medicine and

Surgery of the Hamdard Tibbi College, Delhi, for the past many years; and

(b) if so, since when the degrees have not been awarded and what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR):

(a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Ad-hoc promotions of Senior Punch Verifier Operators in the Railway Board

1829. SHRI M. MOSES : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Senior Punch Verifier Operators in the pay scale of Rs-330-560 have been allowed jumping of the grade of Rs. 425-64.0 and granted grade pay in the scale of Rs. 550—750 on their ad-hoc promotion to the ex-cadre post of Console Operators in Computer Centre in the Railway Board irrespective of the fact that they are neither eligible: nor empanelled for that post;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the present incumbent of the ex-cadre post of Technical Assistant in finance (LN) Branch in the Railway Board who has since been empanelled, has not been allowed grade pay of the post in the scale of Rs. 700—900 on his ad-hoc promotion; and

(c) if answers to parts (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative, what are the reasons for such discrimination?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, in a few cases, ad-hoc promotions are being made in exigencies of service.

(b) Yes. However, it has since been decided to grant him grade pay from the date of notification of the relevant panel.

(c) The two cases quoted in parts (a) and (b) above are not comparable.

Conversion of Darbhanga Jayanagar (NER) M. G. Line into Broad Gauge

1830. SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the survey report of the Darbhanga—Jayanagar broad gauge conversion line has since been completed;

(b) if so, when;

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when the conversion of the metre gauge into broad gauge line between Darbhanga—Jayanagar (NER) would be stated and when it is to be completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The survey is in progress and is expected to be completed by December 1981.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

(d) The matter would be examined on receipt of the report and if

found viable the project would be undertaken for construction subject to clearance and allotment of funds by the Planning Commission.

Water Supply at the Madhubani Railway Station

1831. SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the water supply arrangement independent of the municipality has been made at the Madhubani (NER) Railway Station;

(b) if so, when and the further details thereof; and

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

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Water Supply at Madhubani station is partly from the Municipality and partly from the hand pumps. The water shortage at this station at present is due to reduced supply of water from Municipality on account of power shortage. No shortage is, however, experienced under normal conditions. There is no proposal to have a separate Railway water supply scheme.

Cancellation of Trains in Samastipur Division

1832. SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many main trains have been cancelled in