

**Conversion of Falimari Station on  
Alipurduar Junction**

2323. SHRI SUDHAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to convert Falimari station on Alipurduar junction-Bamanhat M. G. Railway line on N. F. Railway to a halt station and transfer the management of the station to a contractor;

(b) whether Government have received representations against this proposal; and

(c) if so, whether Government have taken final decision to revise the proposal and to maintain the *status quo* of the station?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) The issue is being examined by Northeast Frontier Railway in the light of representation received.

**Development works of stations on  
N. F. Railways**

2324. SHRI SUDHAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of stations on N. F. Railway where development works including raising of platforms, construction of sheds and electrification works have been undertaken or are likely to be undertaken with estimated costs and other details thereof; and

(b) by when these works are likely to be completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) The infor-

mation is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

**Hostels in colleges and Universities**

2325. SHRIMATI SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the poor and unsatisfactory conditions of hostels in colleges and universities;

(b) whether any survey has been conducted in the matter by any agency;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government or University Grants Commission have taken note of the same and propose any scheme in the matter or sent any directives to various colleges and universities; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL): (a) to (c) At the instance of the University Grants Commission, the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Bombay had conducted a Survey in 1978, of the living conditions of students in University and College hostels. The Study highlights the strength and weakness in the living conditions in the hostels. A minority of hostels caters to almost every physical need of the residents; in a smaller group of hostels the provision of physical facilities and amenities is grossly inadequate. The vast majority of hostels falls between these two extremes. In these hostels, generally the provision of facilities is deficient only in specific areas, and the living conditions can be described as ranging from "fairly good" to "inadequate". The study also highlights the need for ensuring adequate administration and supervision and an appropriate corporate hostel life

alongwith the provision of adequate physical facilities.

(d) and (e) The Survey report was considered by a Committee of the University Grants Commission and the recommendations made by this Committee have been accepted by the Commission and circulated to the Universities for taking necessary action.

#### Facilities to Players -

2326. SHRI V. VENKA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in Sunday Standard May 17, 1981 under the caption "officers feast while sportsmen starve"—in page 14; and

(b) if so, what steps are proposed to improve the facilities to the players in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) With the increase in the daily allowance of board & lodging from Rs. 19/- to Rs. 26/- per head per day the food being served at NIS, Patiala during the national coaching camps for IX Asian Games or for other international competitions has improved considerably. No complaint has been received from any sportsman attending the national camps for Asiad-82. On the other hand there has been general appreciation regarding food served at these camps from various quarters concerned, including the National Sports Federations.

#### Medical Services in Harijan and poor Basties in Delhi

2327. SHRIMATI SAROJ KHA-PARDE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Medical services in Harijan and Poor Basties in Delhi, Bombay and other States are very poor in comparison to those in Posh Areas where rich people are staying;

(b) if so, what are the reasons thereby;

(c) what actions have been taken by Government to open more and more hospitals, medical centres etc. in Harijan Basties and areas inhabited by Weaker Sections of society;

(d) how many hospitals and Medical Centres have been opened and Provided to these Basties under 20 Point Programme during 1st February, 1980 to 31st July, 1981; and

(e) how many such are estimated to be opened in these Basties during 1981 and 1982?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

#### Death of S. Elangovan in I.I.T. Bombay

2328. SHRI V. VENKA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) what were the circumstances leading to death of S. Elangovan in Hostel 3 of the Powai Campus, I.I.T. Bombay in June, 1981; and

(b) whether any instructions are being given to the I.I.T. authorities with respect to the safety of foreign, and SC/ST students?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL): (a) According to the Police Report, it was a case of suicide.

(b) The safety of all students is the concern of the authorities. The authorities have been told to take spe-