

Project schools, Education Guarantee Scheme and Alternative and Innovative Education centres including Madaras and Maqtabas supported under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) located anywhere in the country including the minority concentration areas for class I – VIII children. Elaborate arrangements have been made through the Guidelines of MDMS to ensure its effective implementation and monitoring at different levels including establishment of a grievance redressal mechanism in every State/UT.

SSA is also a universal programme for elementary education of equitable quality for children in the 6-14 age group. SSA is implemented as per its Framework of Implementation. Minority concentration districts are identified as Special Focus Districts in the Framework of Implementation for the purpose of monitoring of SSA interventions.

#### **Busy and sensitive rail routes**

†\*448. DR. RAM PRAKASH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of traffic, Delhi-Howrah, Delhi-Mumbai, Mumbai-Howrah, Howrah-Chennai, Mumbai-Chennai, Delhi-Guwahati *via* Sitapur-Gorakhpur-Katihar, and Delhi-Chennai *via* Jhansi-Nagpur-Ballarshah routes are very busy and sensitive; and

(b) whether it is a fact that out of total 41 sections of these routes, 11 sections have more than 80 per cent, 12 sections have more than 100 per cent and 17 sections have more than 120 per cent traffic density?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir. Delhi-Howrah, Delhi-Mumbai, Mumbai-Howrah, Howrah-Chennai, Mumbai-Chennai, Delhi-Guwahati *via* Sitapur-Gorakhpur-Katihar, and Delhi-Chennai *via* Jhansi-Nagpur-Ballarshah routes carry majority of the traffic and are very busy. These routes are also referred to as the High Density routes and a large number of sections on these routes have high capacity utilisation.

(b) No, Sir. Of the 201 sections on the above routes, 17 sections are having less than 80% capacity utilisation, 43 sections are having more than 80% capacity utilisation, 62 sections are having more than 100% capacity utilization and 9 sections are having more than 120% capacity utilization. Railways are taking a number of measures to improve capacity of the congested sections.

#### **International Conference on Digital Libraries**

\*449. SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indira Gandhi National Open University and The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) have organized the International Conference on Digital Libraries in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details and the objectives thereof;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.