

Hospital management

1036. SHRI J. K. JAIN: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any suggestion to entrust the administration and management of all large hospitals throughout the country to an autonomous body;

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

(c) whether any legal provisions are being contemplated for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (SHRI N. HAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Use of Hindi in different Zones of Railways

1037. SHRI J. K. JAIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken during the period from January to June, 1980, to propagate use of Hindi in the different Zones of the Indian railways; and

(b) whether any arrangements have been made for training the Railway Staff in use of Hindi and other regional languages?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Use of Hindi is being increased with cooperation and goodwill in all Railway Offices. Steps are taken to propagate use of Hindi as per the directives and annual programmes issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs (Deptt. of Official Language). During the period from January to June, 1980, inspections of 49 Railway offices were carried out by the officers to see the progress made in the use of Hindi. During these inspections, the staff of the offices so

inspected were encouraged to increase the use of Hindi in their official work. Hindi Weeks were organised in various Railway offices viz. Lumding and Alipurduar Divisions of N.F. Railway, Jhansi, Sholapur Divisions and HQrs. Office of Central Railway, Khurda Road and Kharagpur Divisions of SE Railway and HQrs. Office of Western Railway.

All India Hindi Week was organised in Varanasi in March, 1980, where cash awards and Shields were distributed to the staff of various Railways who transacted their maximum work in Hindi. Check-points were strengthened in all Railway Offices. Help literature was also distributed amongst the staff so that they can use more and more Hindi in their official work and Hindi libraries were set up for facility of employees. Quarterly meetings of Official Language Implementation Committees of Zonal HQrs. and divisions were held regularly where important decisions were taken to propagate the use of Hindi.

(b) Yes. In-service training in Hindi is obligatory for all non-Hindi speaking employees of the Central Government. Besides the training centres run by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Railways have set up 204 departmental training centres for imparting training in Hindi to their staff. Besides, arrangements exist on all divisions of Indian Railways to impart practical training in Hindi noting and drafting to the employees who have acquired the working knowledge of Hindi. Table-training was organised in Bhusaval, Nagpur divisions of Central Railway. Hindi Workshops were also organised in Adra, Khurda Road, Bilaspur, Nagpur, Chakradharpur divisions of S. E. Railway and Danapur Division and Jamalpur Workshop of Eastern Railway.

Besides, Marathi classes were also organised in Nagpur and Tamil classes in Bhusaval and Jabalpur divisions of

Central Railway. Being an All India Organisation, regional languages are also used in railway tickets, sign-boards, notices and certain categories of forms etc. used by the general public.

Free railway passes

1038. SHRI SURENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that over 200 persons, in their individual capacity or on behalf of the organisations, have been issued free Railway passes;

(b) if so, what are the names of the individuals and the said organisations; and

(c) if the reply to part (a) above be in the affirmative what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) Complimentary railway passes are generally issued to the following:—

(i) Institutions and organisations devoted to social, cultural, scientific, literary, sports and educational activities and whose work is of an all India character.

(ii) Organisations devoted to the Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, backward and neglected sections, women, blind and handicapped persons etc.

(iii) Eminent persons engaged in the work of national importance for which they are required to undertake frequent journeys.

(iv) It is also the intention that requests received from organisations having their own budget i.e. income and expenditure and whose travelling expenses are met from the organisations themselves should not be entertained.

Based on the above criteria, complimentary railway card passes are

issued generally to the persons|organisations, with the personal approval of the Minister of Railways.

A list detailing particulars of the complimentary card passes issued to the individuals|organisations is attached. [See Appendix CXV, Annexure No. 105]

Two Lane National Highway in Andhra Pradesh

1039. SHRI B. SATYANARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Andhra Pradesh is not having a two lane national highways in all its length; and

(b) if so, by when Government propose to sanction two lane highways in that State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b) The total length of the National Highways in Andhra Pradesh (excluding urban links in Municipal Limits) is 2273 km. Out of this total length, 1899 km. are already double lane. Provision has been made for widening 154 km. from single lane to double lane in the Five Year Plan (1978-83). The widening of the remaining single lane length to two lanes would depend on availability of resources and inter-se priority of National Highway works in the country as a whole.

Loss to railways due to floods

1040. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total loss suffered by the Railways due to the recent floods in the country, zone-wise; and

(b) what is the break up of these figures under the heads of loss of traffic earnings, loss suffered on rebuilding of bridges and replacement of equipments?