

(c) Yes.

(d) The issues involved have been investigated and appropriate action taken as found necessary.

Promotion of Fitters in Jhansi Mandal

424. SHRI BHOLA PRASAD : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a), whether it is a fact that fitters working on various railway stations under the Jhansi Mandal have been promoted to grade I;

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

(c) whether it is also a fact that fitters working under Mathura Division since 1955 to 1956 have not been promoted to grade I; and

(d) if so, what is their number and what steps are being taken to promote them also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Increase in the U.S. military presence in Indian Ocean

425. SHRI KISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a gradual increase in the US military presence in the Persian Gulf and the Indian Ocean areas has been recommended by the President Carter's adviser; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government of India thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SAMARENDRA KUNDU): (a) There have been reports that the US

Government was considering proposals for increasing its military presence in the Indian Ocean area. However, so far no long-term decision appears to have been taken in this regard.

(b) The Government of India continues to hope that there is no build up of foreign military presence in the India Ocean under any pretext whatsoever. Our views have been communicated to the U.S. Government.

426. [Transferred to the 11th July, 1979]

Unani hospital for the C.G.H.S. beneficiaries in Delhi

427. SHRI PRASENJIT BARMAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there was any proposal under Government's consideration to open a hospital for C.G.H.S. beneficiaries in Delhi for Unani treatment;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when Government propose to open this Unani Hospital in Delhi/New Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR (SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA): (a) No.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Extension of National Adult Education Programme

428. PROF. RAMLAL PARIKH: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the progress made so far for the extension of National Adult Education Programme under Workers' Education Scheme;