

(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 17th 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;