

(b) whether Government are aware that about 600 students of the above colleges have been on strike since 5th September, 1979;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps Government have taken to redress their grievances?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND):

(a) Yes, Sir. These three private colleges were given provisional affiliation by the Examining Body, A. & U. System of Medicine, Delhi for 1978-79 only.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The students of these 3 private colleges went on strikes on the grounds of inadequacy of various facilities such as, teaching staff, hospital, hostel, laboratory, library etc.

(d) The Delhi Administration had constituted a Committee to suggest steps to be taken for providing training for these students. A report of this Committee has been forwarded to this Ministry by the Executive Councillor (Medical) of Delhi Administration. Delhi Administration have been asked to submit the details of a scheme for implementing the recommendations of the report.

Railway Consumers' Cooperative Societies dealing in non-consumer goods

*77. SHRI AHMAD HUSSAIN
MONDAL:

SHRI ALEXANDER WARJRI:
SHRI V. C. KESAVARAO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway Consumers' Co-operative Societies of the Railway employees are permitted to sale items other than consumer goods required by their members; and

(b) if so, what are the details in its regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF):
(a) and (b) The Railwaymen's Consumer Co-operative Societies are free to sell any item which may be required by their members. In this respect they are governed by the provisions laid down in their respective Bye-laws as approved by the concerned Registrars of Cooperative Societies.

Issue of free railway passes

*78. SHRIMATI HAMIDA HABI-BULLAH:

SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:
SHRI SAWAI SINGH SISO-DIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the persons who have been issued free 1st class A.C.C. Railway passes with the endorsement 'Golden pass'; and

(b) what are the criteria laid down for the issue of such passes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) No person has been issued first class A.C.C. railway card pass with endorsement 'Golden pass' as such. However, 1st class All India Complimentary card passes available by A.C.C. have been issued to the following:—

1. One office bearer of the All India Citizens Peace Committee.

2. One authorised office bearer of People to People International Cultural Exchange Organisation.

3. Shri V. V. Giri, former President of India with one member of his family and one attendant in second class.

4. Smt. Aruna Asaf Ali.

5. One office bearer of Centre for Policy Research.