

(b) whether these schools provide facilities for the teaching of the mother tongue of the students enrolled; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) There are 750 Railway schools imparting education to 1,37,338 students.

(b) and (c) Railway schools are affiliated to the Boards of Education of the States in which they are located and follow the pattern of education as laid down by the State Governments. Generally speaking, the medium of instruction followed in these schools is the regional language of the area in which the school is situated, except a few with English or Hindi as medium of instruction. While facilities exist for teaching the mother tongue to students belonging to the area in which the school is situated, it is not possible to provide facilities for teaching of the mother tongue to each and every student in these schools.

Local Train from Ajnai to the Defence Factory at Ambazari

*551. SHRI S. W. DHABE:

SHRI VINAYKUMAR RAM-
LAL PARASHAR:

SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR
SAHU:

SHRIMATI KUMUDBEN
MANISHANKAR JOSHI:

SHRI KRISHNA NAND JO-
SHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to start a local train from Ajnai railway station in Nagpur city to Ambazari Defence Factory in Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, when it is likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Harassment to girl students

*552. SHRI BIR CHANDRA DEB
BURMAN:

SHRI KALYAN ROY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Anand Bazar Patrika of the 23rd November, 1977 and in the Statesman of the 24th November, 1977 under the captions "Horrible experiences of fifty-one girl students in a running train" and "Ordeal in Trains" respectively regarding harassment by the railway officials during their journey from Dehradun to Howrah;

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

(c) whether Government have instituted any inquiry into the matter;

(d) if so, what are the findings thereof; and

(e) what action Government have taken against the defaulting officials?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to the news and the complaint received by the Government, a party of girl students of Jogmaya Devi College, Calcutta, while travelling by 61 UP bi-weekly Janta Express on 30-10-77 between Howrah and Dehra Dun and 10 Dn. Dehra Dun Express on 7-11-77 between Dehra Dun and Howrah were put to inconvenience due to unauthorised entry of anti-social elements in their compartment, non-provision of reservation, harassment and rude behaviour by the railway staff enroute.