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RAJYA SABHA

Payment of medical bills in KVS

† * 392. SHRI GHANSHYAM CHANDRA KHARWAR:
SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that uniform procedure or fixed timeframe for payment of medical bills to teachers/employees of KVS has not been laid down;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor:

(c) whether about one year or more time is taken arbitrarily by Principals in KVS in different regions, including Nasirabad for payment of medical bills of teachers and employees; and

(d) if so, the details of complaints received in this regard and the remedial steps taken?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) The employees of the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan are covered under Central Services (Medical Attendance) Rule, 1944 for the purpose of Medical treatment for themselves and their families. The employees stationed at Vidyalayas in sonic Metro Cities are entitled to CGHS benefits for the said purpose. Other employees get treatment from Authorised Medical Attendants (AMA's), the list of which is approved by the Assistant Commissioners on the basis of recommendations of lists prepared by Central Government Employees Welfare Coordination Committees. The Principals of KVs as DDOs are competent to reimburse the Medical Claim after its scrutiny *visa-vis* availability of funds against the head "Pay & Allowances" at the earliest. The employees of project Vidyalayas are entitled to get treatment from the hospitals maintained by the Project authorities.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) and (d) The details are being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

Terminal Railway Station at Chandigarh

* 393. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for converting Chandigarh into a big terminal railway station, being the Capital of two States;

(b) whether there is also a proposal to introduce more and more passenger trains at this Station, to connect it with other State capitals; and

(c) what is the stopping time of Shatabdi Express and other trains at this Station?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) Passenger terminal facilities are being developed at Chandigarh.

(b) Chandigarh is already connected directly to Howrah, Mumbai and New Delhi. It is proposed to introduce a Jan Shatabdi Express between New Delhi and Chandigarh during 2002-03. Introduction of more trains from Chandigarh to other destinations including other State capitals will depend upon traffic requirements as well as availability of resources.

(c) The stopping time of Shatabdi Expresses and other trains at Chandigarh are as under:

| S.No. | Train No. and Name | Stoppage time |
|-------|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1. | 2005 New Delhi-Kalka Shatabdi Express | 8 minutes |
| 2. | 2006 Kalka-New Delhi Shatabdi Express | 8 minutes |
| 3. | 303 Delhi-Kalka Passenger | 8 minutes |
| 4. | 304 Kalka-Delhi Passenger | 8 minutes |
| 5. | 2925A Bandra-Kalka Link Express | 5 minutes |
| 6. | 2926A Kalka-Bandra Link Express | 20 minutes |