

of Ayurveda, Jaipur and National Institute of Homoeopathy, Calcutta, established during Fifth Plan two more National Institutes namely National Institute of Naturopathy, Pune and the National Institute of Unani Medicine, Bangalore have been registered as autonomous organisations during the Sixth Plan period. These National Institutes will serve as model institutions of higher education in the respective fields. One volume each of the National Formularies of Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani and one volumes of Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeia were published during the Sixth plan period.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Seventh Plan Schemes for development of ISM and Homoeopathy with an outlay of Rs. 69.00 crores under purely Central Sector is pending consideration of the Government.

Scheme under National Integration Project through NCERT

4935. SHRI RAM PRAKASH : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a scheme under the National Integration Project through National Council for Education Research and Training was launched in 1982 ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) whether the scheme has been extended to all parts of the country and it has been able to achieve the desired results ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A scheme for promotion of national integration through community singing was launched in 1982 with the following objectives :

(i) Community Singing should inculcate patriotism and pride in our country and its glorious heritage ;

(ii) children should learn to respect and love all the languages and cultures which are interwoven into the fabric of India, including the work of great poets in various Indian languages, thus strengthening the spirit of national integration ;

(iii) children must be taught to think of the common interest of the country and its people ;

(iv) group singing should inculcate discipline and an attitude of cooperative participation ;

(v) it should provide for a large number of people, an opportunity for artistic self-expression and pride in belonging to the community ; and

(vi) Indian's positive contribution to the cause of peace in the world should be brought out.

The main activities undertaken under this programme include organisation of camps for training of teachers, preparation and duplication of cassettes containing selected community songs, free supply of cassettes and tape-recorders to teacher participants in training camps, free supply of tape-recorders and recorded cassettes to various schools in State/Union Territories and Kendriya Vidyalayas, bring out publications, evaluation of the work being done by teachers in the field of community singing, etc.

(c) Yes, Sir. The scheme has been extended to all parts of the country and is progressing towards achieving the desired results.

Rail Line between Dauram Madhepura and Singheshwar

4936. SHRI PRAKASH CHANDRA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there had been any proposal before Government to construction rail line between Dauram Madhepura Railway Station and Singheshwar in the State of Bihar ; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government so far in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) A preliminary Engineering-cum-Traffic survey for a new MG line from Dauram Madhepura to Singheshwar Asthan was carried out in 1974-75. The project was not found to be financially viable.

(b) In view of the severe constraint of resources and heavy commitments in hand, the consideration of the proposal had been pending till resources position improves.

Thermal Power Units for Kerala

4937. **SHRI V. S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN :** Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal to set up two thermal power units in Kerala ;

(b) whether the site selection has been done ; and

(c) if so, when are these likely to be set up ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) to (c) There is a proposal to set up a thermal station in Kerala in the State sector with an initial capacity of 2×210 MW. A site has not been selected so far.

Membership and meetings of National Council for handicapped during 1984-85

4938. **SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY :** Will the Minister of SOCIAL AND WOMEN'S WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the membership of the National Council for the Handicapped ;

(b) how many meetings of the Council were held in 1984-85 and the action taken on the decisions arrived at in those meetings;

(c) the membership of the Central Advisory Committee on Employment of Handicapped and how many times this

Committee did the monitoring of the reservation orders for employment of handicapped in various Ministries/Departments during 1984-85 and the result thereof ; and

(d) the total amount available in the National Handicap Welfare Fund and how this money is being utilised ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL AND WOMEN'S WELFARE (SHRIMATI M. CHANDRA-SEKHAR) : (a) The tenure of the National Council for the Handicapped Welfare is already over and the Council is being reconstituted. The membership of the Council which was set up in March 1983 is given in Annexure-I laid on the Table of the house [placed in Library See No. LT-1103/85].

(b) The last meeting of the council was held on 29th Nov. 1983 and no meeting could be held in 1984.

(c) The tenure of the Central Advisory Committee on Employment of Handicapped is also over and it is being reconstituted. The membership of the Central Advisory Committee on Employment set up in October 1982 is given in annexure II. [Placed in Library See No. LT-1103/85].

The Committee met on 20 March 1984 and reviewed the performance of various Ministries/Departments and Central Public Sector Undertakings in giving employment meeting is given in annexure III. [Placed in Library, See No. LT-1103/85].

(d) A sum of Rs. 1.16 lakhs is available in the National handicapped Welfare Fund. The money will be utilised after the Fund has sufficient corpus for supporting various activities for the welfare of the handicapped.

Retiring rooms occupied by Railway officials

4939. **SHRI PIYUS TIRAKY :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that at Dhanbad Railway Station on the Eastern Railway most of the beds and rooms of first