

students from outside a State should be permitted admission by all medical colleges in the country for first year course and the Medical Council of India after considering the judgement has decided to allow admission of 35 per cent students from outside a State :

(b) if so, will it be applicable to post-graduate courses and to other faculties as well ; and

(c) will it be a obstacle for a student from educationally backward States and if so, the steps Government are going to take to correct the imbalances ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) :
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Supreme Court had directed that 50 per cent of the 'open seats' in P.G. Courses and all the seats in super-specialities should be filled on an all India basis. The Medical Council of India after review have not recommended any changes in these per-centages.

(c) The Supreme Court has directed that per centage of seats available for admission of students irrespective of the State or University from which they come shall be filled purely on merit on the basis of either all India entrance examination or entrance examination to be held by the State. This Judgement of the Supreme Court is binding on the Union of India, the State Governments and Administrations of Union Territories.

[Translation]

Dieselisation of Chetak Express

5815. PROF. NIRMALA KUMARI SHAKTAWAT ; Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry is being repeatedly requested for the dieselisation of Delhi-Udaipur Chetak Express for increasing its speed and capacity ;

(b) if so, whether its dieselisation has been done ; and

(c) whether Government propose to make any suitable changes in the Time Table to ensure that Chetak Express reaches Delhi early in the morning ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

Improvement of National Highway No. 28-A in Bihar

5816. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR MISHRA : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Highway No. 28-A is the only National Highway having direct traffic to and from Kathmandu ;

(b) whether the low level, sharp curves and less pucca surface width of less than 70 kms. section of this National Highway in Bihar create traffic bottlenecks resulting in lot of difficulties and stopage of traffic ;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to make it an all weather road by removing bottlenecks at every important point ;

(d) if so, by what time ; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefore ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) :
(a) to (e) Yes, Sir. The pavement width of 67 kms. long section of National Highway 28-A from Piprakothi-Raxaul is 7 metres, i.e. double lane in most of its length and is generally traffic worthy. The development and maintenance of National Highways is a continuous process and improvement works are sanctioned keeping in view the existing condition of the National Highway, traffic intensity and availability of resources.