

(b) the number of persons killed and injured in these accidents and the amount of compensation paid to the families of the deceased ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) and (b). According to the information furnished by Delhi Administration, during the period from 1-1-1985 to 28-2-1986, the total number of road accidents that took place in Delhi is 7254, the number of persons killed is 1486 and the number of persons injured is 7160.

During 1985-86, the total amount of compensation paid has been Rs. 1,31,59,773.88.

Railway lines in Santhal Parganas in Bihar

3523. SHRI SALAHUDDIN : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether most of the area of Santhal Parganas in Bihar is deprived of railway services ;

(b) whether Government have made any provision in the Seventh Five Year Plan to lay new railway lines in Santhal Parganas ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (c). The existing Railway lines, together with a good network of roads, serve the Santhal Pargana area. There is at present no proposal for taking up any further new lines, in the Seventh Five Year Plan in view of the severe constraint of resources and heavy commitments already in hand in respect of the on-going projects.

[English]

Low female literacy

3524. SHRI P. MANIK REDDY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether low female literacy is a world wide phenomenon ;

(b) if so, position in the country in this regard and steps taken/proposed to improve the female literacy ; and

(c) the Central assistance given to States during Sixth Plan and proposed under Seventh Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) As per the 1981 census, percentage of literacy among women in India (excluding Assam) was 24.82% as compared to 46.89% for men.

Measures taken/proposed to improve female literacy

The Government is seized of the problem of illiteracy among women particularly in rural and Adivasi areas. The following special measures have been taken to encourage literacy among women in the country :

(i) The State Governments/Union Territories have been specially advised to ensure that atleast 50% of the learners in adult education centres are women ;

(ii) Priority is given to opening of adult education centres in predominantly rural and Adivasi areas having literacy rate below the national average in general and female adult literacy in particular ;

(iii) The State Governments and Union Territories have been requested to locate adult education