

that from the Eight Five Year Plan onwards it will informally exceed 6 percent of the National Income.

The Seventh Plan allocation for education for Central Sector is Rs. 1738.64 crores excluding Sports and Art and Culture. Probable expenditure will exceed the allocation. Additional allocations to be provided through the process of Annual Plans and Mid-Term Plan Appraisal.

Resources, to the extent possible, will also be raised by mobilising donations, asking the beneficiary communities to maintain school buildings and supplies of some consumables, raising fees at the higher levels of education and effecting some savings by the efficient use of facilities.

[English]

Broad Gauge Sidings at Okha Port

1454. SHRI BHARAT KUMAR ODEDRA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Union Government have decided to provide Broad Gauge sidings at Okha port ;

(b) if so, the latest position of the said scheme ; and

(c) the time by which final decision will be taken keeping in view the direct berthing ports on the West Coast of Gujarat.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (c) Provision of Broad Gauge siding at Okha Station for handling full length rakes has been approved, in consultation with the Port authorities, who are to provide land and one godown.

Steps to Prevent use of non-Essential Drugs

1455. SHRIMATI N.P. JHANSI LAKSHMI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to prevent use of non-essential drugs which are hazardous and counter-productive ;

(b) whether the drugs produced and marketed by multinational drug companies are examined by Government to prevent their mis-use ; and

(c) whether Government have formulated any comprehensive drug policies and if so, when these are likely to be announced in Parliament ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) : (a) The Government has already banned marketing of 26 drugs combinations of drugs considered as irrational/hazardous. The sub-committee constituted by Drugs Consultative Committee, a statutory body, reviews periodically drugs moving in the market from the angle of rationality/harmfulness.

(b) The Drugs marketed by multinationals are also screened from the angle of rationality and therapeutic effectiveness. The category of drugs likely to be misused are Scheduled drugs and are required to be sold against prescription of Registered Medical Practitioner only.

(c) The new Drugs Policy is under consideration of the Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals, Ministry of industry.

Electronic fare Meters in 'Taxis' and Autorickshaws in Delhi

1456. SHRI SIMON TIGGA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :