

(b) and (c). Indian Railways have a well established system for watering and cleaning of coaches and comprehensive preventive maintenance systems for all rolling stock. In spite of this, however, complaints regarding the condition of coaches plying on various trains, including Darjeeling Mail, are received from time to time. Such complaints are investigated and appropriate remedial action is taken. In addition, the servicing and preventive maintenance systems are supplemented by surprise checks by supervisors and officers. The last surprise check on Darjeeling Mail was conducted as recently as 2nd August 1987 and did not reveal any shortcomings.

Setting up of Science Education Centres

2717. SHIR V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to set up Science Education Centres at suitable places in the Country;

(b) if so, which are the places that are being considered suitable to locate Science Education Centres; and

(c) whether Government are considering steps to establish Science Education Centre at Gandhi Hill, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) The National Council of Science Museums is presently engaged in planning and development work for Science Museums and Science Centres at different places in the Country.

(b) The National Council of Science Museums now runs Science Museums/Centres at Calcutta, Bangalore, Bombay,

Patna, Purulia, Gulbarga, Dharampur and Tirunelveli. Work is presently in progress at various stages in Bhubaneswar, Guwahati, Lucknow, Bhopal and Nagpur. Proposals for the setting up a Science Centre each at Goa, Calicut and Darjeeling have also been approved.

(c) The National Council of Science Museums has requested the Government of Andhra Pradesh to share capital cost on 50:50 basis for setting up a District Science centre at a suitable location in Andhra Pradesh, which is to be determined in consultation with the Government of Andhra Pradesh. The response of the Government of Andhra Pradesh is still awaited.

Payment of Revised Grade Pay to Railway Board Employees

2718. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in Railway Board all promotees from LDC to Assistants since December, 1984 have not been paid the grade pay of the post on which they are actually working;

(b) if so, the number of such employees and reasons therefor; and

(c) when the new revised grade pay as recommended by IVth Pay Commission will be given to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). All the staff promoted as UDCs and Assistants are now being given the grade/scale of pay with effect from 18.07.1986. Earlier, between December, 1984 and 18.07.1986, due to non-fulfilment of eligibility conditions, those promoted were given Special Pay in addition to their pay in the lower scale, as per the rules. All have since been fixed in the revised pay scales, as recommended by the IVth Pay Commission.