

obtaining further grants. Further action will be taken in accordance with the provisions of law, if necessary.

Railway Bridge at Ajit Singh Nagar near Vijayawada

9709. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal for construction of road under bridge at Ajit Singh Nagar near Vijayawada on Vijayawada-Eluru line was approved and included in Railway's Works Programme of 1987-88;

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay in grounding of the scheme; and

(c) the likely date by which this proposal is likely to be taken up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Plans for this work have recently been finalised, jointly by the State Government and the Railways. There has been some delay in finalising the plans on account of the existence of built up area around and difficult site conditions.

(c) The work will be taken up for execution, after the combined estimate is accepted by the State Government.

Vocational Course on General Insurance in Kendriya Vidyalayas

9710. SHRI H.N. NANJE COWDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce two year vocational course in General Insurance and other allied subjects in Kendriya Vidyalayas in Metropolitan cities from the current academic session;

(b) if so, the reasons for not starting this vocational course in other schools also;

(c) whether the Insurance companies will absorb those candidates who complete this course; and

(d) if so, the details of the scheme proposed to be introduced in Kendriya Vidyalayas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b). The Central Board of Secondary Education in collaboration with the General Insurance Corporation of India is taking up a pilot project for introducing vocational course in General Insurance at +2 level in about twenty schools located in metropolitan cities, including a few Kendriya Vidyalayas.

(c) and (d). According to the scheme, the students passing out the vocational course in general insurance with a minimum of 50% marks would be appointed in the GIC and/or its subsidiaries as Apprentice Assistants for a period of one year. On completion of apprenticeship they would be appointed as regular Assistants. They may also be given weightage for their qualification at the time of promotion. The vocational students obtaining marks between 40-50% would be considered eligible to apply for the post of assistants under normal recruitment procedure.

Punctuality of Mail/Express Trains

9711. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is monitoring the running of mail/express trains regularly;

(b) if so, the details of such trains which have been identified as regularly running late; and

(c) the steps taken to maintain punctuality of those trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.