

Parassala Railway Station

2235. SHRI A. NEELALOHITHA-DASAN NADAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representation for converting Parassala Railway Station of Trivandrum Division into a major Railway Station; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) yes.

(b) The proposal for conversion of Parassala halt station into a Block Station was examined but not found justified on grounds of inadequate traffic.

धूमपान के कारण उत्पन्न रोगों की चिकित्सा पर व्यय

2236. श्री छोटोभाई गमित : क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या धूमपान के कारण उत्पन्न रोगों की चिकित्सा पर हुए व्यय का अनुमान लगाया गया है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्सम्बन्धी ब्यौरा क्या है ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री निहार रंजन लस्कर): (क) फेफड़ों का कैंसर, कोरोनरी हृदय रोग, चिरकारी फुफ्फुस अवरोधी रोग, भ्रूण और शिशु मृत्यु दर वृद्धि आदि जैसे धूमपान से होने वाले रोगों के इलाज पर किये गये खर्च का विभिन्न संस्थाओं द्वारा कोई अनुमान नहीं लगाया गया है ।

(ख) यह प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

C' Class Level Crossing Gates

2237. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of 'C' Class level crossing gates between block stations of the Bikaner Division of Northern Railway, the normal position of which is that they are not open to road traffic and that reasons therefor;

(b) whether there is a heavy vehicular traffic across gate No. 24-C Bikaner-Sarupsar and Mohan Nagar Stations of Bikaner Division and the normal position of the gate is that it remains closed to road traffic;

(c) whether there are approved proposals to keep the normal position of Gate No. 24-C between Sarupsar and Mohan Nagar Block Stations of Bikaner Division;

(d) if so, whether the normal position of the said block stations has been approved; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (e). There are 165 'C' Class level crossings between block station in Bikaner Division of Northern Railway. Under the extant rules, the gates of all such level crossings are required to be normally kept closed and securely fastened against road traffic. The gates are however, opened for the passage of road traffic when it is necessary and safe to do so. Level crossing No. 24-C in the block section between Mohan Nagar and Jetsar stations is situated over a siding at Jetsar station. The normal position of the gates of this level crossing is closed to road traffic. Northern Railway Administration has finalised the proposal and approached Commissioner of Railway Safety for keeping the normal position of gates of this level crossing open to road traffic. As

soon as the proposal is approved by him as required under the extant rules, the Railway Administration will take further action in the matter expeditiously.

**Non availability of medicines in
O.G.H.S. Dispensaries, Kasturba
Nagar**

2238. SHRI R. L. P. VERMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is great shortage of medicines at both the C.G.H.S. Dispensaries, Kasturba Nagar (Sewa Nagar) New Delhi;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government to set the matter right in order so that the patients may not suffer and proper medicines are made available to them.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) to (c). There is no shortage of medicines in these Dispensaries except for occasional shortages for limited periods in the case of some such medicines as may be in general short supply in the market. However, suitable substitutes for all such medicines of the equal therapeutic value are supplied. Whenever reports of shortages are received, suitable remedial action is taken.

**Bridge on river Parvati in Madhya
Pradesh**

2239. DR. VASANT KUMAR PANDIT: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal from Government of Madhya Pradesh for a bridge on river Parvati at Pilukheddi between Bhopal and Narsingharh

on National Highway No. 12 has been sanctioned;

(b) the details of the project;

(c) when the work of this bridge would begin; and

(d) whether it is a fact that this is the only route which joins Bhopal and Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The estimate for the bridge has been sanctioned for Rs. 67.92 lakhs and the sanction for construction of approaches portion for an amount of Rs. 44.7 lakhs is under issue. The total length of the bridge will be 362 metres.

(c) Tenders for the work have been invited and the last date for receipt of tenders is 10-4-1981. The date of commencement of the work will be known only after tenders have been settled.

(d) No. This is the shortest route on N. H. joining Bhopal and Delhi.

**Entertainment Expenditure by Indian
Embassies**

2240. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to lay a statement showing:

(a) the amount spent by each of our embassies abroad on entertainment during the year 1979-80; and

(b) what steps are being taken by Government to minimise such expenditure?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) The Minister of External Affairs spent approximately Rs. 7 million during the year 1979-80 on such entertainment in Missions and Posts abroad. The Mission-wise details are in the attached list.