

The Grant is still available for the railway sector and has not been withdrawn for diversion to any other sector.

**Number of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Employees in Indian Embassies Abroad**

1434. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) total number of employees working in each Indian Embassy/Mission abroad together with their designations ;

(b) what is the number of employees of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes in each Embassy/Mission ; and

(c) whether vacancies reserved for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes have not been fully filled in all the Indian Missions/Embassies and if so, what are the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A.A. RAHIM) : (a) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House shortly.

(b) The required information is also being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House shortly.

(c) Officers belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes are posted abroad on the same basis as other officers. The percentage of reservation is taken into account at the time of recruitment.

**Amount of Stipends given to Interns, House Staff and Doctors**

1435. SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) State-wise and Union Territories the minimum and maximum amount of stipends given to interns and house-staff ; and

(b) the same in the case of Government doctors ; State-wise and Union territories ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI) : (a) and (b). The Interns/House Staff are paid a fixed amount as stipend and the same varies from State to

State. No details of the stipend paid to Intern by States are available with this Ministry.

In the Central Institutions/Hospitals (including statutory/autonomous bodies wholly financed by the Central Government), interns are paid stipend at the rate of Rs. 550/- p.m. and Junior Residents are paid fixed amount of stipend of Rs. 500/- p.m. plus allowances.

**काश्मीर और असम को अलग देशों के रूप में दर्शाने वाला बांग्लादेश का मानचित्र**

1436. श्रीमती किशोरी सिन्हा

डा० सुब्रह्मण्यम स्वामी :

प्र० अजित कुमार मेहता :

श्री विष्णु प्रसाद :

क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) बांग्लादेश सरकार की एक पत्रिका "विचित्र" में हाल ही में प्रकाशित मानचित्र में असम और काश्मीर को स्वतन्त्र देशों के रूप में दर्शाया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसके प्रति भारत सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ; और

(ग) इस सम्बन्ध में सरकार ने क्या कार्यवाही की है ?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री ए० ए० रहीम) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) और (ग) ढाका स्थित हमारे हाई कमीशन ने यह मामला साप्ताहिक "विचित्र" के संपादक के साथ उठाया और बताया कि ये राज्य भारत के अभिन्न अंग हैं और इस साप्ताहिक के आगामी अंक में समुचित संशोधन प्रकाशित किया जाए ।