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N.E. State Tribal Students' Entry in Delhi University and JNU

2626. DR. R. ROTHUAMA : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Scheduled Tribes students from Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland, Meghalaya and Arunachal Pradesh who got admission in Jawahar Lal Nehru and Delhi University and other colleges in Delhi for 1984-85, academic session ;

(b) whether Government propose to make reservations for those students from the North Eastern Tribal States, for admission in Universities/Colleges in Delhi ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL) : (a) The desired information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as possible.

(b) and (c) The University Grants Commission/Government guidelines provide for reservation of 7½% of seats for Scheduled Tribes students. There is no specific reservation for Scheduled Tribes Students from the North-Eastern Tribal States.

Repairing of Laser Coagulator Machine Installed at Dr. Rajendra Prasad Centre of Ophthalmic Sciences

2627. SHRI N.K. SHEJWALKAR : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) how long the laser photo coagulator machine for preventing retinal diseases from causing blindness has been

out of order at Dr. Rajendra Prasad Centre for Ophthalmic Sciences ; and

(b) if so, what measures are being taken to repair it and how many patients have been deprived of this special treatment during this time ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI KUMUD-BEN M. JOSHI) : (a) The All India Institute of Medical Sciences has reported that the Laser Coagulator Machine, which is an imported equipment, was out of order for about 6½ months from October, 1983 to May, 1984.

(b) The machine has been repaired and made functional from May, 1984. Though it is not possible to estimate the exact number of patients who might have been deprived of this special treatment during this period, it has been reported that all patients on the waiting list had been provided alternative treatment.

Over-crowding on Railway Platforms

2628. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that there are over-crowding on railway platforms, particularly in Metropolitan Cities ; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to solve the problem ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURY) : (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Ticket Collectors are posted at entry and exit points to prevent entry of unauthorised persons in order to reduce over-crowding on platforms. A scheme has also been introduced at Madras and Delhi as an experimental measure, to restrict entry of persons other than the *bonafide* passengers on certain platforms.