

trials in 1987-88 and the selection of the type to go in for bulk manufacture in India is scheduled to be completed in 1988.

Scheme Re: Social and Women's Welfare
Submitted by A & N Administration

3478. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA : Will the Minister of SOCIAL AND WOMEN'S WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India have received any scheme from the Andaman and Nicobar Administration or the Social Welfare Advisory Board in connection with social and women's welfare in the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands; and

(b) if so, the details of the schemes and what action Union Government have taken ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL AND WOMEN'S WELFARE (SHRIMATI MARAGATHAM CHANDRASEKHAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Introduction of an Express Train between Kota and Kanyakumari

3479. SHRI VISHNU MODI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representation has been received by Government for introduction of an express train between Kota and Kanyakumari;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to introduce this train;

(c) if so, by what time; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Apart from lack of traffic justification, introduction of a train between Kota and Kanyakumari is not feasible due to shortage of resources.

[English]

Assistance received from UNICEF for Implementing Nutrition Programme

3480. SHRI AMARSINH RATHAWA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL AND WOMEN'S WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of assistance in cash and kind received from United Nations International Children Emergency Fund for implementing nutrition programme in India during the last three year, year-wise;

(b) how this fund is being utilised and the amount granted to Gujarat;

(c) whether it is a fact that the fund is not reaching the main sufferers residing in rural areas; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to see that this fund reaches to the rural population of the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL AND WOMEN'S WELFARE (SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR) : (a)

(US \$ in '000')

Year	Supplies	Cash
1982	5032	3551
1983	5132	3228
1984	2758	3843

(b) These funds were used for programmes like Integrated Child Development Services, upgradation of special nutrition programme, education in food and nutrition, food and village technology etc. Assistance to Gujarat is show below :-

Year	Cash & Supplies
	(US \$ in '000')
1982	45
1983	292
1984	254

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.