

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA) (a) to (d) Negotiations have been concluded recently with the World Bank for funding the National AIDS project for a period of 5 years beginning April, 1992 involving an outlay of US) 100 million. The International Development Association (a soft loan affiliate of the World Bank) will be providing an assistance of US \$ 85 million.

Under this Project assistance will be provided to all State and Union Territory Governments including Andhra Pradesh both in cash as well as in kind for undertaking activities for prevention and control of AIDS in the following areas:

- Programme Management
- Surveillance
- Blood safety
- Information, Education and Communication
- Control of sexually transmitted diseases.
- Condom promotion
- Case management

[*Translation*]

Facilities for Coolies

96. SHRIMATI GIRIJA DEVI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to build retiring rooms and other necessary facilities for railway porters; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with their locations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) The licensed porters are permitted to use the facilities available in the 2nd class waiting hall at stations. Only where their number is considerable and the waiting hall and other facilities are inadequate, separate rest shelters, but not the retiring rooms, are provided for them. The requirement is reviewed by the Railways from time to time and provision/augmentation of the resting facilities is undertaken subject to availability of funds.

[*English*]

New Train Between Jabalpur and New Delhi

97. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a great demand for introduction of a new fast train between Jabalpur and New Delhi via Katni and Bina; and

(b) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Examined but not found feasible at present due to operational and resource constraints.

Doubling of Khana-Sainthia Rail Line

98. DR. SUDHIR RAY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for doubling the rail line between Khana and Sainthia in near future;