

[English]

Setting up of IIT in Assam

189. SHRI PROBIN DEKA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far in setting up of the proposed Indian Institute of Technology in Assam;

(b) the details of the findings of the Site Selection Committee appointed for this purpose;

(c) the time by which it is likely to start functioning; and

(d) the steps taken to ensure the timely completion of the work of the said IIT?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (d). A site for Indian Institute of Technology at Guwahati approved by the Government of India has been acquired by the State Government and a camp office is established. The Government of India have reconstituted the Society and the Board of Governors of the Institute under the Chairmanship of the Governor of Assam. The Board has decided to start the first academic session from 1994-95.

[Translation]

Speeding up of Janata Express

190. SHRI SURYA NARAIN YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Janata Express (Delhi-

Howrah) runs at slow speed as compared to the speed prescribed for it;

(b) if so, the reasons for the slow speed and fare being charged as that of an express train; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken for speeding up of the train or to charge fare of a passenger train?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) At present, there is no proposal to speed up this train or to change its fare structure.

[English]

Ticketless Travelling

191. SHRI KRISHAN DUTT SULTANPURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons arrested for ticketless travelling during the last six months; Zone-wise;

(b) the amount recovered from them as fine; and

(c) the steps being taken to check ticketless travelling?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). The details are as under :-

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<i>Railway</i>	<i>Number of Ticketless passengers apprehended (in lakhs)</i>	<i>Excess charge realised (Rs. in lakhs)</i>	<i>Number of persons prosecuted</i>	<i>Judicial fine realised (Rs. in lakhs)</i>
1	2	3	4	5
Central	3.11	159.82	13,892	7.46
Eastern	2.66	126.06	15,709	3.51
Northern	3.22	172.23	18,189	8.57
N.E.	1.60	76.99	8,946	9.19
N.F.	0.34	17.67	182	0.14
Southern	1.08	57.59	1,210	0.72
S.C.	1.41	71.10	8,230	3.43
S.E.	1.22	60.75	2,144	0.45
Western	2.73	140.01	17,961	4.64
Total	17.37	882.22	84,463	36.11

(c) The measures taken to curb ticketless travel include surprise/magisterial checks from time to time, publicity campaigns through different media and deterrent penalties incorporated in the new Railways Act.

Loss of Booked Luggage

192. SHRI KRISHAN DUTT SULTANPURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of embezzlement or losses of booked luggages reported in various zones during the last six months; and

(b) the action taken against the erring officials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) 232 cases of loss of booked luggage have been reported.

(b) Wherever railway staff is found responsible for the lapses, disciplinary action is taken against them. Such action has been initiated against 13 railway staff.

Challenges In the Field of Health

193. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the spread of AIDS, the continuing population born and the unrest among service doctors remained the insurmountable challenges in the field of health in 1991; and

(b) if so, the specific steps taken by the Government to meet such challenges in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) The spread of AIDS is not a major public health problem at present, but this may become a major public problem

at a later stage. So far as the unrest among doctors is concerned, it can result only in dislocation of medical services to the patients in a limited scale. However, it is true that the continuing population boom remains a challenge in the field of health.

(b) In regard to checking the population boom, the Department of Family Welfare has formulated an Action Plan for giving the requisite thrust and dynamism to the Family Welfare Programme. The Action Plan has been unanimously endorsed in the Conference of the Ministers Incharge of Health & Family Welfare held on 6-7 January, 1992. This Action Plan highlights the need for evolving a national consensus in support of the Family Welfare Programme and to obtain the willing Participation of all sections of the society, cutting across political, religious and cultural differences. Other key features of the Action Plan include, inter alia.

- Improving the quality and outreach of family welfare services,
- special focus on 90 poor performing districts (Birth rate 39 per thousand population and above as per the 1981 census)
- developing an innovative package of incentives/disincentives for promotion of small family norm
- increasing the coverage of younger age couples through vigorous promotion of spacing methods,
- introduction of new contraceptives and improving the quality of contraceptives,
- strengthening family welfare schemes in urban areas especially in slum pockets, etc.

For prevention and control of AIDS, the activities undertaken so far include:-

- Prevention of infection through sexual transmission,