

approved by the NLM.

Out of these, the district of Ernakulam in Kerala was the first to be declared fully literate, followed by the entire State of Kerala, the Union Territory of Pondicherry, the districts of Burdwan (West Bengal) Dakshina Kannada (Karnataka), Sindhudurg and Wardha (Maharashtra), on conclusion of their TLCs.

Going by the conclusion or the advanced stage of the first phase of the TLCs, post-literacy programmes for neo-literates have been taken up in the State of Kerala and UT of Pondicherry, and the districts of Burdwan and Midnapore (West Bengal), Dakshina Kannada and Bijapur (Karnataka) and Sindhudurg (Maharashtra).

[*Translation*]

Rail Link with Khargon

8304. SHRI MAHENDRA KUMAR THAKUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to link Khargon with Indore and Khandawa railway line;

(b) if so, the time by which this proposal is likely to be approved; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Constraint of resources, survey for a part of the section for Khandwa -Khargone new BG line was carried out in 1986 which revealed that the Project would be unremunerative.

[*English*]

Incentives to Health Staff

8305. DR. RAM CHANDRA DOME: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount spent during the last three years on providing incentives to the health staff for implementing Family Welfare Programmes;

(b) the estimated expenditure involved in performing sterilisation operation on female and male separately; and

(c) the reasons for cost differentiation, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) The Government of India does not provide incentives to the health staff for implementing the Family Welfare Programme. However, under the Scheme of Compensation for loss of awages to the acceptors of Sterilisation / IUD insertion, Rs. 200/- Rs. 180/- and Rs. 12/- are provided to the state Government / UTs Administration for each case of tubectomy, vasectomy and IDU insertion respectively. Out of these amounts, Rs. 30/-, Rs. 40/- and Rs. 0.50 are credited to the Miscellaneous Purposes fund, which is utilised by the States / UTs for among things, provision of motivators; fee etc. to the health staff as also the functionaries of other Departments involved in the Family Welfare programme. Actual expenses incurred on account of motivations fee for the health staff are not being monitored by the Government of India.

(b) and (c) No precise study has been undertaken to estimate the expenditure involved in performing sterilisation operation on male and female separately.