

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI) : (a) Fifty five projects costing over Rs. 20 crores at present in progress have suffered from time/cost over runs.

(b) These projects have been delayed due to constraint of resources, law and order problems, contractual problems, delay in land acquisition, etc.

(c) Efforts are being made to mobilise additional resources and to overcome other impediments in the implementation of individual projects.

[Translation]

#### Jwar Mapan Kendras

\*352. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have set up Jwar Mapan Kendras for measuring the changes which take place in sea level;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to set up such Kendras in various ports of the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (PROF. P.J. KURIEN) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Government is implementing a project to set up modern Tide Gauges at 14 locations along the coast to measure tides for assessing the variations in the mean sea level. The 14 centres are : Porbandar, Bombay, Goa, Cochin, Tuticorin, Madras, Machilipatnam, Vishakhapatnam, Paradip, Calcutta, Port Blair, Nancowry, Kavaratti and Minicoy. Out of these, the centre at Goa has already been established in 1993 and the others are expected to be installed before March, 1997. These centres would be networked and connected to the National Tidal Data Centre at Survey of India, Dehradun. The data on tides will be analysed at Survey of India to determine the mean sea level and its variations.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Tide Gauges already set up and proposed to be set up are all in various ports of the country.

(e) Does not arise.

[English]

#### Cargo and Freight Movement

\*353. PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether a separate cell has been set up for monitoring the cargo and freight movement in the Railways and Railway Board;

(b) whether any study has been done to bifurcate the passenger and freight system in the Railways;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the freight movement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI) : (a) Yes, Sir. Special cells have been set up for monitoring certain important aspects of freight operations which is an operational exercise and is temporary in nature.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) A number of steps have been taken to improve the freight movement such as introduction of high horse power electric and diesel locomotives, electrification of important routes, acquisition of wagons etc. Besides this, close and intensive monitoring is undertaken for ensuring optimum utilisation of rolling stock.

[Translation]

#### Hormones

\*354. SHRIMATI GIRIJA DEVI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the increase in the number of disease caused due to imbalance of Hormones;

(b) whether the Government are contemplating to formulate a scheme to diagnose the diseases caused by imbalance of hormones; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY) : (a) to (c). There is no reliable information to suggest that there is increase in hormone-related diseases. Programmes for control of two major nutrition-related disorders caused by imbalance of hormones viz. Diabetes and Iodine Deficiency Disorders, are already under implementation.

[English]

#### Seminar on SSI-Export Potential

\*355. SHRI DHARMANNA MONDAYYA SADUL : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether a seminar highlighting export potential of Small Scale Industries was organised by the National Small Scale Industries Commission in Delhi on November 21, 1995;