

DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND DEPARTMENT OF SPACE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. None of the cancer deaths was induced by radiation from Tarapur Atomic Power Station. Some of these employees have not worked in radiation areas at all. A detailed epidemiological study conducted recently by the Tata Memorial Hospital indicated that the incidence of cancer reported is not higher than the cases that are observed in the general population of the State. All the radiation workers of Tarapur Atomic Power Station are medically checked every year and their radiation exposures are monitored and kept well within the stipulated limits.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The system of radiation monitoring and control at Tarapur Atomic Power Station is very well established and followed meticulously to ensure that the limits laid down by Atomic Energy Regulatory Board as well as International Commission for Radiological Protection are not for radiation exposure to both plant staff and the public. Employees of Tarapur Atomic Power Station and their dependents are covered by the Contributory Health Service Scheme of the Department of Atomic Energy. Complete Health records of the employees and their dependents are maintained.

Over Bridge at Sihore City

223. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VARMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of proposals sent by the Madhya Pradesh Government to the Central Government for construction of new Railway Over bridges and the proposed locations thereof;

(b) whether the State Government have sent a proposal to the Central Government for the construction of overbridge at Sihore City; and

(c) if so, the time by which the work is likely to be started ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI) : (a) Fourteen proposals have been received.

S.No.	Nearest Station	Location
1.	Itarsi	At km. 745/14-15- 746/1-2
2.	Hoshangabad	At km. 762/11-12
3.	Damoh	At km. 1126/11-12
4.	Bitlanagar	At km. 1227/13-14
5.	Betul	At km. 850/7-8
6.	Satna	At km. 1178/5-6
7.	Nimbola	At km. 505/13-14
8.	Saugor	At km. 1048/4-5

S.No.	Nearest Station	Location
9.	Maihar	At km. 1142/14-15
10.	Habibganj	At km. 829/6-8
11.	Chuchiapara	At km. 717/18-20
12.	Ratlam	At Jeora Road Level Crossing No. 192.
13.	Nagda	In lieu of Level Crossing No. 1.
14.	Indore	In lieu of Level Crossing No. 246.

(b) Proposal for road under bridge at km. 200/2-3 at Sihore was received and examined but not found feasible for vehicular traffic. State Govt. has been requested to sponsor the proposal for a road over bridge but the same has not been received so far.

(c) Does not arise.

Pension Arrear

224. SHRI SOMJIBHAI DAMOR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have paid pension arrear to ex-sepoys of Rajput Regiment, Fatehgarh (UP) who were discharged on January 16, 1947, this year;

(b) if so, the amount paid to them; and

(c) the manner in which these pensioners are likely to be compensated for the loss they suffered due to non payment of pension in 1947 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT) AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) to (c). As per available information, all eligible personnel who were discharge on 16.1.1947 from Rajput Regiment, Uttar Pradesh, were granted pension. However, in November, 1994 a pensioner had represented that he had lost his pension papers in 1947 and that he was not getting his pension. His claims was investigated and arrears of pension amounting to Rs. 1,11,587/- for the period from 1.5.1947 to 31.1.1996 have since been disbursed to him. Since the delay in disbursement of pension was attributable to the individual himself, no additional amount by way of compensation is admissible to him. Even otherwise, there is no provision in Pension Regulations for the Army for payment of any compensation/interest in such cases.

Railway Hospital

225. SHRI SATYA GOPAL MISRA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have taken steps to set up a Railway Hospital including the Blood Bank at Tamluk Railway Station in the Panskura-Haldia section of the South Eastern Railway Station; and