

March, 1992 in Safdarjung Hospital. On screening for HIV infection, the parents and child were found HIV positive.

On knowing the incident, the Resident Doctors of the hospital approached the medical Superintendent and sought clarification regarding the type of compensation to be provided to a doctor who may get infected with HIV through the handling of patients and whether the hospital infection control procedures can be strictly enforced in the hospital.

After the incident, a meeting was held in the Date. General of Health Services with the Medical Superintendents of the major Delhi hospitals in which it was inter-alia recommended that the guidelines on hospital infection control issued by the Directorate General of Health Services should be followed strictly. It was also recommended that the inpatients' treatment can be carried out in the ward and there is no need for having a separate isolation facility. Full blown AIDS patients should be kept in an area near the ward where the chances of opportunistic infections are minimum.

Consequent to this meeting, the Medical Superintendents of A.I.I.M.S., Dr. R.M.L. Hospital Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital, Safdarjung Hospital, Lok Nayak Jaiprakash Narayan Hospital, and the Lady Harding Medical College and Smt. S.K. Hospital have been formally directed to enforce/implement strictly the Hospital Infection Control Guidelines with a view to minimise the risk of infection of health care workers in handling the patients and to work out additional funds if required for the implementation of the various provisions of the Hospital Infection Control Guidelines.

[English]

Level Crossings and Encroachments on Suburban Railway Lines in Bombay

9084. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the existing level crossings and encroachments on the suburban railway lines in Bombay are hurdles in the smooth running of transport and a number of trains get cancelled/delayed as a result thereof;

(b) if so, whether the Government have decided to eliminate these level crossings for smooth running of suburban trains; and

(c) if so, the details of the plan in this regard and the funds allocated for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) There have been cases of train delays and cancellation due to trespassing at some of the 31 level crossings in Bombay area.

(b) 10 of the very busy level crossings are sanctioned for replacement with Road overbridges as sponsored by the State/local authority on cost sharing basis. Other busy level crossings will be taken up for replacement with Road over bridges and when sponsored by the concerned authority on cost sharing basis.

(c) Funds are allocated in keeping with the anticipated progress by the State Government on approaches and by the Railway on bridge proper. Current year's allocation for Road over bridge in Bombay is Rs. 75 lakhs.