

WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b). The proposal for creating higher grade posts for physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists in Central Government Hospitals is still under consideration. Due to non-receipt of information from the representatives of the Association to Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists of Delhi Government Hospitals and C.G.H.S, the proposal has not yet been finalised.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The question does not arise.

Aid on Predator-Prey Relationship Research Project

7339. **SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT:** Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governemnt have discontinued aid on Predator-prey relationship research project in the Nagarahole National Park; and

(b) if so, the facts thereof alongwith the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) A research project entitled 'Ecology and management of large carnivores' is under implementation in the Nagarahole National Park, Karnataka. The project is funded by the United States Government under the Indo-US Rupee Fund Programme. Funding of the project has not been discontinued.

(b) Does not arise.

Railways Sports Control Board

7340. **SHRI MOHAN RAWALE:** Will the

Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kho-Kho game has been included in the activities of Railway Sports Control Board; and

(b) if so, since when and if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) Due to financial, staff and infrastructural constraints and due to the need to concentrate on selected disciplines for better performance, it is not possible to expand the activities of the Railway Sports Control Board.

Family Planning Programmes

7341. **SHRISANATKUMAR MANDAL:**
SHRI RABI RAY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to the researchers at the World Watch Institute, India's family planning programme has acquired a reputation for inefficiency, grant, and a chilling emphasis on sterilisation rather than access to a wide range of contraceptive methods;

(b) whether according to the above study, many women in India mistrust family planning programmes and the percentage of women using birth control remains low mainly because of their emphasis on sterilisation rather than on contraception;

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to remove women's mistrust of family planning