

*[English]***By-Pass in Goa**

4739. SHRI CHURCHILL ALEMAO : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for delay in the commencement of construction work of by-pass road to National Highway No. 17 at VERNA Village in SALCETTE taluk of South Goa district, despite allocation of funds;

(b) whether the Government has approved any tender for construction of the said by-pass;

(c) whether land acquisition and other formalities have been duly completed; and

(d) the time-frame fixed by the Government for the completion of the said work?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) The delay in commencement of construction work of Verna By pass to N.H-17 is due to tendering process.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) It is too early to give the completion date.

*[Translation]***Snake Bite Cases**

4740. SHRI DEVENDRA BAHADUR ROY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether thousands of people are victims of snake bite in rural areas of the country;

(b) whether the treatment of snake bite is not available in the Primary Health Centres;

(c) whether Government propose to make available urgent medical service to attend such cases in rural areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) Specific data on snake bite cases in rural areas is not available. As per records available with National Crime Records Bureau the number of accidental deaths due to snake bites in 1991, 1992 and 1993 were 4842, 4142 and 4768 respectively in the country.

(b) to (d) Snake bite treatment is available in the Primary Health Centres and the required medicine is

procured by the State Health Department as per need of the PHC. A referral system is also available in the rural areas to send such cases to the nearby Community Health Centre or the District Hospital for urgent treatment.

Reservation for OBC's in Sainik Schools

4741. SHRI SUKHLAL KUSHWAHA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether reservation for SC/ST in the 'Sainik Schools' exists in the country, but no such provision has been made for the OBCs;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the measures being taken by the Government for providing reservation to the wards of OBCs alongwith SCs/STs in Sainik Schools?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c): Reservation for SC/ST is provided as per the Constitutional provisions. So far no decision has been taken by the Government regarding reservation for OBCs in Educational Institutions.

Indira Gandhi Canal Project, Rajasthan

4742. SHRI TARACHAND BHAGORA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the time by which the Indira Gandhi Canal Project in Rajasthan is likely to be completed;

(b) the amount provided for this project as Central assistance;

(c) whether the Government propose to make special provisions for this project in the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(d) whether the amount allocated by the Union Government is less than the amount fixed for this project in the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(e) whether the construction of canals in the command areas of this project is likely to be completed by the targetted year 2005; and

(f) the progress made regarding assistance from the international institutions so far?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) According to Government of Rajasthan the project is likely to be completed by the year 2005.

(b) The Central assistance to be provided upto the end of VIII Plan is Rs. 460.61 Crores.

(c) and (d) The provision for Central assistance to Indira Gandhi Nahar Project in the IX Five Year Plan has not been finalised so far.

(e) According to Indira Gandhi Nahar Project Department the canals are likely to be completed by the year 2005.

(f) The project is not being assisted by any external funding agency.

[English]

Reaction of Countries on India's Stand on CTBT

4743. SHRI SUDHIR GIRI : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the latest reaction of the U.S. on India's stand on CTBT;

(b) whether any other countries reacted on India's stand; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, country-wise?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) The US Ambassador in the Conference on Disarmament, in an interview on 20 August 1996, regretted India's position to formally "veto" the draft text to the CTBT in the Conference on Disarmament.

(b) and (c) The majority of the Non-Aligned countries are supportive of India's position. India's stand reflects the common position of the NAM countries on the issue of nuclear disarmament. However, Nuclear-Weapon-States are not willing to accept the inclusion of any binding nuclear disarmament obligations in the draft CTBT text.

[Translation]

Mobile Service

4744. SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI:
KUMARI UMA BHARATI:

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

(a) whether the Government propose to start any 'mobile service' for dissemination of detailed information regarding 'AIDS';

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of the places, where this service is likely to commence in the first instance alongwith the time by which it is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (c): The National AIDS Control

Programme is being implemented as a centrally sponsored programme, through the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations. The State Govts./UTs Administrations are adopting various approaches and undertaking a range of activities using various medium of communication for disseminating information on HIV/AIDS for creating awareness.

The Tamil Nadu State AIDS Control Society has reported that they organised mobile services for imparting detailed information regarding HIV/AIDS in sixteen districts during the year 1995-96. These districts are: Periyar, Coimbatore, Dharmapuri, Salem, Trichy, Vellore (North Arcot), Villupuram (South Arcot), Cuddalore (South Arcot), Pasumpon, Padukottai, Nagapattinam, Ramanathapuram, Tanjore, Kamaraj, Madurai, Sambuvarayar. The Society proposes to cover the remaining districts of the State in a phased manner during Dec., 96 to Jan., 97.

Use of Foreign Spare Parts in Indian Navy

4745. SHRI SOHAN BEER : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether foreign spare parts are being used extensively in the warships manufactured by the Indian Navy ship building yards;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to manufacture spare parts indigenously?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) and (b) Foreign spare parts are used in the Warships produced indigenously mainly in weapons and sensors. Indigenisation of all such sensors and weapons is not only difficult but also commercially unviable.

(c) Wherever machinery/parts are required in sufficiently large numbers and the indigenisation of the technology adopted is possible, these are indigenised and produced in the country.

Promotion of Indian System of Medicine

4746. VAIDYA DAU DAYAL JOSHI:
SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:

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

(a) whether nominal amount is provided by the Government to the six medical systems;

(b) if so, the total amount provided each to the Allopathic system of medicines and the six medical systems during the last three years;

(c) whether Allopathic system does not have treatment for several diseases even at present; and