

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c). The small Family norm has been included as one of the topics of Population Education integrated in the school syllabi and the materials in use Adult Education Programmes. In addition, training materials under the Adult Education Programme include messages on responsible parent-hood, right age of marriage, population growth and environment, population and development. Health related courses have been provided in the Vocational Stream at the Higher Secondary stage.

Contraceptive Pill

4083. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a law—does contraceptive pill for use by women conforming to international standards has recently been launched under the Contraceptive Social Marketing Programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the side effects, if any; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken for its popularisation in rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b). Low dose contraceptive pills for women, containing 0.30mg of di-norgestrel and 0.03 mg of Ethinyl oestradiol per tablet, have been introduced in the contraceptive Social Marketing Programme under National Family Welfare Programme. These pills are available under brand names Mala-D, ECROZ & PEARL

While Mala-D is sold throughout the country by selected pharmaceutical Marketing companies at a consumer price of Rs. 2/- per cycle, other brands are sold by selected Voluntary Organisations in some States at prices fixed by the concerned Voluntary Organisations.

Some of the common side effects are nausea, vomiting, giddiness breast tenderness, back pain, headache, intramenstrual spotting and breakthrough bleeding. Some of these symptoms will disappear with the continued use of the pills.

(c) In addition to advertising Mala-D in Mass Media through out the country, the associated marketing companies and Voluntary Organisations are encouraged to increase the sales in the country including the rural areas.

Besides, low dose oral contraceptive pills are also available under free distribution scheme under the brand name Mala-N which are distributed through governmental machinery i.e. Family Welfare Centres/ Sub-centres/Workers and some non-governmental/Voluntary Organisations in the urban as well as rural areas.

Augmentation of Lumding-Badarpur Section

4084. SHRI UDDHAB BARMAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Dihaku area on the Lumding-Badarpur section is going downward (sinking);

(b) if so, the steps being taken in this regard;

(c) whether there is any plan to strengthen the entire railway tracks from Lumding to Badarpur and Sitchar; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) There is no sinking of Dihaku Station. Train operation is normal.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). The tracks are maintained to have requisite strength for the loads on the line; as such there is no plan for strengthening the section.

Damage to Lines in Andhra Pradesh

4085. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to the natural calamities in Andhra Pradesh a number of railway tracks have been affected and property of railways damaged;

(b) if so, the total length of railway lines damaged and the total loss suffered by the railways; and

(c) the efforts being made to restore these tracks early?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Railway line at different locations, aggregating to 500 in length, was damaged. Loss due to damage to Railway assets has been estimated as Rs. 2.50 crores approximately.

(c) The damaged Railway track has been restored.

[*Translation*]

News Caption "Dakshin Africa Ki Team Bina Visa Ke Aayee Thee"

4086. SHRI BARELAL JATAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Dakshin Africa Ki Team Bina Visa Ke Aayee Thee" appearing in the *Dainik Jagaran* dated November 18, 1991; and

(b) if so, the facts in this regard and the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government had granted a group landing permit for a period of 15 days to the members of the South African Cricket Team, media men and other delegates to facilitate their entry in view of the paucity of time.

[*English*]

Performance of Adivasi Boys of Ranchi in Hockey Tournaments

4087. SHRI PIUS TIRKEY:
SHRI GOVINDA CHANDRA
MUNDA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to open/establish a coaching institute/centre for Hockey in Ranchi in view of excellent performance by the Adivasi Boys of the area in National Junior Hockey Tournaments during the last five years.

(b) if so, when it is proposed to be