

[*Translation*]**Setting up of Zoos**

6424. SHRI SWAMI SURESHANAND: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up more zoos in the country;

(b) if so, their locations, Statewise, and

(c) the amount allocated for the setting up of these zoos?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) There is no proposal presently under consideration of the Central Government to set up any new Zoo in the Country.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Blind Persons in Bihar

6425. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY. Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of blind persons in Bihar district-wise;

(b) the districts in Bihar where there is no facility for the operation of cataract in the Primary Health Centres; and

(c) the number of districts to be provided with this facility during 1991-93?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARADEVI

SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (c). A survey conducted in 1986-89 indicated that the prevalence rate of blindness in Bihar is 1.28%. District-wise number of blind persons is not available. Control of Blindness is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme. Central Government does not propose to provide specific facilities at Primary Health Centres of Bihar for cataract operations in 1992-93. However, Central Government proposes to continue reimbursement at approved rates for operations done including at Primary Health Centres level by non-Governmental organisations.

[*English*]**Upgradation of Nizam Institute of Medical Sciences, Hyderabad**

6426. PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARULU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Nizam Institute of Medical Sciences, Hyderabad is enjoying the status of University,

(b) whether the Institute has proposed the Union Government to upgrade its status to that of All India Institute of Medical Sciences; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The Institute approached the Central Govt. to recognise it as an Institute of National Importance on the lines of AIIMS, New Delhi. However, the Central Govt. have not been able to accede to this

request in view of the financial constraint and its implications.

Railway Concession to Womens' Football Federation of India

6427. SHRI TEJ NARAYAN SINGH:
SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether rail travel concession being given to the Women's Football Federation of India has been discontinued; and

(b) if so, the reasons thereof?

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

(b) Does not arise.

Reservation Facility for Vijayavada

6428. DR. R. MALLU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to provide facility of return reservation and onward journey tickets at Vijayavada for important cities etc. Delhi, Calcutta, Trivandrum and Madras;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) to (c). The facility for issue of onward and return journey tickets and sending of messages to the concerned stations for securing onward/return journey

reservations exists at Vijayavada station. Automax system has been provided at this station for speedy transmission of messages to important stations. Computerised reservation system has also been sanctioned for this station.

[*Translation*]

Rail Transport in Bombay

6429. SHRI VILASRAO NAGNATHRAO GUNDEWAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a scheme to modernise and expand rail transport facilities Bombay; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) and (b). Rail transport facilities are expanded continuously in Bombay and the following major works are currently in progress:

(i) Construction of a new line between Mankhurd-Belapur at an estimated cost of Rs. 197 crores.

(ii) Additional pair of lines between Andhori and Bandra at an estimated cost of Rs. 61.4 crores.

(iii) Re-spacing of signals on the slow corridor between Bombay and Kalyan at an estimated cost of Rs. 9.2 crores.

(iv) New passenger terminal at Kurla at an estimated cost of Rs. 25.1 crores.

(v) New passenger terminal at Bandra at an estimated cost of Rs. 12.5 crores.