

(b) the area of land to be irrigated from the Indira Canal and the number of villages and the population to be benefited thereby ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) The cost of the Stage I and II of the Indira Gandhi Canal project as per the approved scope is about Rs. 700 crores. According to the report from the State Government, work on construction of stage I is almost complete and for stage II, about 84% of the main canal and 9% of the distributary system have been completed by March, 1985. The State has, however, recently revised the scope of Stage II of the project which is expected to be completed by the end of VIIIth Plan.

(b) As per the approved scope, the project has culturable Command Area of 11.40 lakhs. The State Government has reported that about 555 villages and about 12 lakh people would be directly benefited by irrigation.

**World University Service Health Centre
in Delhi University**

4954. **SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY :** Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item in the Indian Express dated 8 August, 1984 about World University Service Health Centre in Delhi University having administered spoiled tablets of Stampan ;

(b) whether the report was found to be correct ;

(c) if so, whether the drug controller was informed for proper investigation and necessary action against the suppliers ;

(d) if not, the reasons for non-compliance of the requirements of the Drug Control Act ; and

(e) when and how much quantity of the spoiled drug was purchased and what was the date of the expiry of the said quantity of the drug ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table.

**Unauthorised Alarm Chain Pulling on long
distance trains**

4955. **SHRI P. PENCHALLIAH :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is large scale unauthorised alarm chain pulling on the long distance trains especially between Madras and Hyderabad and Madras and Howrah ;

(b) if so, whether the trains run behind Schedule and are delayed due to this indiscriminate unauthorised alarm chain pulling by unsocial elements and ticketless travellers; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to check this indiscriminate unauthorised alarm chain pulling ?

THE MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) and (b) There is unauthorised chain pulling on certain long distance trains on certain sections between Madras and Hyderabad and Madras and Howrah, affecting the punctual running of trains.

(c) The Railway Administration have launched concerted drives on affected sections by deploying a large number of Travelling Ticket Examiners, accompanied by personnel of Railway protection Force, Railway Protection Special Force and Govt. Railway Police. It may, however, be mentioned that this is basically a law and order problem and the cooperation of State Governments is enlisted for curbing the menace.

Double Discharge Platform at V.T. Station

4956. **SHRI S. G. GHOLAP :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken up the work of double discharge platform at V.T. Station in Bombay ;

(b) If so, the cost of the project, the progress so far made and when it is likely to be completed ; and

(c) what are the advantages and disadvantages of the project ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Its cost is Rs. 969 lakhs. Its progress is 14% and its completion will depend on allotment of funds in the coming years.

(c) It will facilitate quick dispersal of passengers and will enable running of more local trains at shorter intervals. No disadvantage is foreseen.

**Construction of Railway over-bridge at
Morena (M.P.)**

4957. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether construction of railway over-bridge at Morena (M.P.) has been started ;

(b) if so, the progress made so far in this regard ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) All columns, except for Pier No. 1, have been completed and capping beams cast. The work of Pier No. 1 is held up since the State Government could not handover the land on account of Stay Order from the Court. The matter is being pursued with the State Government.

Doubling of Shoranur-Mangalore Line

4958. DR. K. G. ADIYODI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Shoranur-Mangalore line of the Southern

Railway has only single track facility and the movement of trains is only at 25 K.M. per hour ; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to double line and also to improve the speed of trains ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) and (b) Shoranur to Mangalore is a single line section on which trains are running with the maximum permissible speed of 90 to 100 Kms. per hour on Shoranur-Calicut and Calicut-Mangalore sections respectively. Number of line capacity works are in progress on this section to augment its section capacity and further improve average speed of trains. Survey is also in progress for restructuring of track on this section. On completion of this survey, the survey report will be examined for taking up works depending on availability of resources.

**Malaria Cases Reported during the last
12 Months**

4959. SHRI KAMLA PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the incidence of malaria is on the increase ; and

(b) if not, how many malaria cases were reported during the last 12 months and how do they compare with the same period in the earlier 12 months and how many people died of it during these period ; and

(c) what steps are proposed to bring down the incidence of this disease ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) and (b) Since the implementation of Modified Plan of Operation for malaria with effect from April, 1977, there has been a general declining trend in the incidence of malaria except in certain areas and pockets. However, the latest available data does indicate a marginal increase 1984. A statement giving requisite information regarding malaria cases and deaths due to malaria during the year 1983 and 1984 is enclosed.