

AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the steps are taken by Government for the rehabilitation of leprosy patients through Leprosy Centres ;

(b) if so, the number of Leprosy Centres functioning in Orissa at present ; and

(c) the details of schemes taken up in Orissa to provide rehabilitation of leprosy patients ?

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

(b) and (c). Three rehabilitation units at (i) Hatibari, (ii) Cuttack and (iii) Puri, are functioning in Orissa, in collaboration with Hind Kusht Nivaran Sangh, Orissa Branch. In addition, funds have been released to the Government of Orissa for the establishment of one Leprosy Rehabilitation Promotion unit through NIPOT-at Olatpur-Bairoi, Cuttack.

Survey of Khurda Road-Phulbani-Bolangir Rail line

1958. SHRI RADHAKANTA DIGAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry have conducted survey of Khurda Road-Phulbani-Bolangir for construction of a Railway line ;

(b) the progress made in regard to completion of the survey ; and

(c) the amount allocated by Government to undertake survey work during 1984-85 and 1985-86 and the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and

(b). The survey of Khurda Road-Phulbani-Bolangir rail line has been entrusted to RITES who are studying various alternatives.

(c) The amount allocated for this survey work during 1984-85 and 1985-86 is Rs. 15 lakhs and Rs. 17.02 lakhs respectively.

[Translation]

Introduction of an Express Train between Forbisganj and Hajipur via Saharsa and Mansi

1959. SHRI CHANDRA KISHORE PATHAK : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether he has received requests for introducing of an Express Train from Forbisganj to Hajipur (Bihar) via Saharsa and Mansi, meter-Gauge line so that passengers may be able to reach Patna by this train and catch another train for Delhi or other long distance trains because at present one has to change two or more trains to reach Hajipur (Bihar) from Forbisganj due to which the passengers have to spend more time and face inconveniences ;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Ministry in this regards ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). On account of conversion of Barauni-Khagaria Section to Broad Gauge, the Metre Gauge route between Forbesganj and Hajipur has become circuitous and therefore, it is not desirable to introduce an Express Train between Forbisganj and Hajipur.

People desirous of travelling from Forbisganj to Hajipur (Patna) can do so via Katihar by 111/112, 113/114, 35/36 and 37/38 Jogbani-Katihar