

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) to (c). Initial trials of Centchroman on a limited number of subjects by Central Drug Research Institute, Lucknow have indicated that the drug is efficacious and has minimal side effects. Further trials with larger samples will have to be taken up before such findings can be confirmed.

[*Translation*]

Doubling of Lucknow-Kanpur Rail line

1985. SHRI JAGANNATH PRASAD : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that there is great difficulty in the movement of trains in the absence of double railway line between Lucknow and Kanpur ;

(b) if so, whether Government would consider to lay double railway line between Lucknow and Kanpur during the current plan period order to remove this difficulty ;

(c) if so, when the above work will be taken up ;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Lucknow and Kanpur are connected by two railway-one broad gauge and one metre gauge. The broad gauge line is more intensively utilised has been doubled between Kanpur and Unnao, where density of train services is heavier. On the single line portion between Unnao and Lucknow there is a little scope for augmentation.

The metre gauge route between Lucknow and Kanpur has some spare capacity.

(b) to (d). A preliminary Engineering-Traffic Survey has been carried out

for Broad Gauge doubling on Lucknow-Kanpur Central Section. However, in view of financial constraints and heavy commitments already on hand, it has not been possible to take up the Doubling Work of this line so far. The question of taking up this project will be considered as and when the financial position improves.

[*English*]

Introduction of more trains to reduce overcrowding.

1986. SHRIMATI PATEL RAMABEN RAMJI BHAI, MAVANI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that overcrowding in trains is still increasing day-by day even after increasing the number of trains ;

(b) if so, whether the passengers are facing a lot of difficulties due to overcrowding and non-availability of seats in trains ; and

(c) what concrete steps are proposed to be taken to increase the number of trains and to minimise over-crowding of passengers in trains ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) (a) and (b). Overcrowding in passenger trains is due to demand outstripping the availability accommodation. It is generally confined to certain busy routes and some popular trains.

(c) In spite of a number of trains having been introduced from time to time, it has not been possible to meet the demand in full due to limitation of resources.

Excess Limit of Pesticide Residues in Meat and Eggs

1987. SHRI C. MADHAV REDDY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :