

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 band, 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 :

(a) whether Central Food Laboratory have discovered high residues of pesticide residues in meat and eggs which are in excess of World Health Organisation limits and if so, remedial steps taken/proposed ;

(b) whether the pesticide residue content now found is higher than reported ratio earlier by other laboratories in the country ; and

(c) how do pesticide levels found in the country in various foodstuffs compare with those found in other developing and advanced Nations ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) and (b). According to the study carried out by Central Food Laboratory, Calcutta, published in 1980, 40 samples of animal products (milk, meat, fish and eggs), only one sample exceeded the tolerance limit prescribed under Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955/WHO limit. This study showed that the detection rate observed for pesticides is much lower compared to that found by other laboratories in the country.

The State Government have been advised from time to time to make an effective control by drawing frequent samples of foods for testing of pesticides. The Ministry of Agriculture has also been advised to ensure safe use of pesticides by the farmers and growers.

The Ministry of Food and Civil Supplies have also set up infrastructure to monitor the levels of pesticide residues in foodgrains during the storage.

(c) The residue limits of pesticides for foodgrains milled foodgrains laid down under Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955 are half of limits recommended by Codex Alimentarius Commission of F.A.O/W.H.O.

Licensing of goods Booking Agencies

1988. SHRI BHOLA NATH SEN ; Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken steps to implement the recommendations of the National Transport Policy Committee, known as Pande Committee, regarding licensing of the goods booking agencies engaged in collecting, forwarding and distributing goods carried by public carriers and fixing the maximum rates of commission/profit for them in the freight rates ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay ; and

(d) the steps contemplated by Government to have the recommendations implemented in all the State ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI) :

(a) to (c). The recommendation of the National Transport Policy Committee (NTPC) was to the effect that the licensing of goods booking agencies should be expedited. Section 66 A of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1939, stipulates that the goods booking agents are required to obtain licence from the State authorities subject to such conditions as may be prescribed by the State Government. The Central Government had, from time to time, impressed on the State Govts./UT Administrations the need to prescribe Rules for the purpose and had also forwarded the General Guideline for the purpose of fixing maximum rates of commission for the booking agents. The NTPC's recommendation has also been brought to their notice for urgent action.

(d) The State Governments are reminded in this regard from time to time.

[Translation]

Technical and Industrial Education at Higher Secondary level in Tribal Areas

1989. SHRI DILEEP SINGH BHURIA ; Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :