

- (v) 43/44 Darjeeling Mail between Sealdah and New Jalpaiguri.
- (vi) 155/156 Tinsukia Mail between New Delhi and Gauhati.
- (vii) 165/166 Janta Express between Howrah and New Bongaigaon.
- (viii) 53/54 Gaur Express between Sealdah and Malda Town.
- (ix) 901/902 Express between Gauhati and Trivendrum.
- (x) 69/70 Fast Passenger between Malda Town and Katihar.
- (xi) 47/48 Passenger between Malda Town and Katihar.
- (xii) 73/74 Passenger between Singhabad and Malda Town.
- (xiii) 75 Up Mixed/72 Dn. Passenger between Singhabad and Malda Town.

**Survey Regarding Persons with Eye Defects in Rural Areas**

389. SHRI JAGANNATH PATTNAIK : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made any survey regarding the number of persons suffering from eye defects particularly in rural areas ; and

(b) if so, the details of the scheme implemented to prevent eye disease particularly in the rural areas ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) According to sample surveys conducted by the Indian Council of Medical Research in 1972 at seven centres in the country both rural

and the estimated number of blind persons in the country is 9 million. Fresh sample surveys are under way.

(b) To prevent eye diseases in the country, the Government have launched National Programme for Control of Blindness. The programme envisages to provide comprehensive eye care services through Mobile Camp approach in rural areas. The programme also aims at establishment of permanent facilities for eye health care as an integral part of general health services at peripheral, intermediate and central level. Under the programme financial assistance is offered to voluntary organisations for performing intraocular operations by organising eye camps in rural areas.

A scheme to prevent blindness caused by vitamin 'A' deficiency in children through oral administration of vitamin 'A' is also being operated in all the States and Union Territories.

**Per Capita Power Consumption in Tamil Nadu**

3490. SHRI N. DENNIS : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the per capita power consumption in Tamilnadu is very low ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(c) what is the present per capita power consumption in Tamilnadu vis-a-vis other States in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) to (c) The per capita power consumption in Tamil Nadu is above the national average. During 1983-84, the per capita consumption in Tamil Nadu was 173.71 units as compared to the national average of 155.94 units. Per capita consumption of various States in 1983-84 is given in the attached Statement.