

[Translation]

Rail Line from Badi Sadri to Neemuch

3533. SHRI BAL-KAVI BAIRAGI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Ministry in accordance with its decision to link Badi Sadri with Neemuch through a railway line had got a survey conducted of this rail line ;

(b) if so, when and whether Government still propose to link this route through the Rail line ; and

(c) the distance in Kilometres between the said two places and the estimated expenditure likely to be incurred thereon at present and gauge of this line proposed to be laid ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) and (b) There is no proposal for the Badi Sadri Neemuch link, nor was any survey conducted therefor.

(c) No survey for the suggested line has been carried out.

[English]

Scientific Studies of Mental Deficiency

3534. SHRIMATI MADHURI SINGH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the VII International Congress of the International Association for the Scientific Studies of Mental Deficiency was held recently in New Delhi ;

(b) if so, the details of the discussions held and the conclusions reached at the Conference ; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the number of mentally retarded persons is increasing day by day in India ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, This Conference was held in New Delhi from 24th to 28th March, 1985. The

theme of the Congress was progress through knowledge in mental retardation. The subjects discussed included various aspects of mental problems such as diagnosis, management, special education and rehabilitation. The Congress felt that there was need for early diagnosis and early intervention.

(c) There is no specific data but some specialists in the field are of the view that there is an increase in cases of mental retardation.

Target Achievement of Sterilisation Operation Performed in Gujarat and Target for 1985

3535. SHRI R.P. GAEKWAD : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the target of sterilisation operations fixed for Gujarat for the year 1985 ;

(b) the number of sterilisation operations already performed during the first three months of 1985 ;

(c) whether the figures of sterilisation operations performed during the year 1984 and during the first three months of 1985, show that Gujarat State could not achieve 100 per cent target and is lagging behind ; and

(d) if so, the reasons there of and the steps taken to correct the shortcomings ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) to (d) For the year 1984-85, the sterilisation target for Gujarat was 3 lakhs. According to the available information about 2.56 lakh sterilisations were performed during the year. Of these, about 1.14 lakhs were done during January-March, 1985. Achievement of targets depends upon a number of factors. With a view to improving the programme performance various measures have been taken not only to increase the demand for contraception but also extend the out-reach of services and supplies.

Vamsadhara Project of Andhra Pradesh

3536. SHRI APPAYYA DORA HANUMANTU : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :