

[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 :

(a) the total funds allocated for the Vamsadhara Project in Srikakulam District of Andhra Pradesh by the Centre and the funds actually released, indicating the original and the present cost estimates ;

(b) what is the total area that will be irrigated by this Project and what is the time fixed for completion of the Project ; and

(c) whether the Project will fully utilise the total potential and watersupply available from this river ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B SHANKARANAND) :
(a) Centre provides block loans/grants to the States and it is not tied to any sector of development or individual project

Andhra Pradesh has taken up Vamsadhara Project in two stages. The Stage-I of the project was approved in 1972 for Rs. 8.77 crores and its revised cost is now indicated to be Rs. 51.15 crores. By the end of March 1985, Rs. 31.18 crores are anticipated to have been spent for the Stage-I Project. Andhra Pradesh has sent the project report on Stage II of the Vamsadhara Project at an estimated cost of Rs. 154.35 crores in May 1983 to Central Water Commission for techno-economic clearance and obtaining approval of the Planning Commission. By the end of March 1985, Rs. 2.65 crores is anticipated to have been spent for the Stage-II Project.

(b) Vamsadhara Stage-I Project will create a new irrigation potential of 20,14 thousand hectares and provides stabilisation for existing areas of 39.85 thousand hectares. Vamsadhara Stage-II Project envisages creation of an irrigation potential of 43.41 thousand ha. Stage-I and II of the Project are likely to be completed in the VIII Plan after the aspects of submergence are sorted out by Andhra Pradesh Government with Orissa Government.

(c) 50% share of Vamsadhara River waters stand allocated to Andhra Pradesh by an agreement with Orissa and the St.-I & II of the Vamsadhara Project propose to fully utilise the same.

[Translation]

Gas Based Power Plant for Etawah

3537. **SHRI NIRMAL KHATRI :**
Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken decision for setting up a gas-based power plant in Etawah District of Uttar Pradesh ;

(b) if so, the cost involved in this plant and the time by which this plant is likely to be completed ;

(c) what will be the cost of production of power to be produced by this plant and whether this production cost of power will be less or more than the production cost of power produced by Thermal Power Plants and Hydel Power Plants ; and

(d) the places in the country where Government propose to set up such Power plants ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) to (d) Government have decided to set up in the Central sector gas based power stations with a total capacity of 1500 MW with combined cycle technology at Kawas, Sawai Madhopur and Auniya along the alignment of the Hazira-Bijaypur-Jagdishpur gas pipeline. The costs of the projects and power generation etc. will be known when detailed project reports are ready.

[English]

Conversion of Bangalore-Mysore Rail Line into Broad Gauge

3538. **SHRI V.S. KRISHNA IYER :**
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) when the conversion of Bangalore-Mysore rail line to broad gauge was sanctioned ; and

(b) the progress made so far on conversion of the said line ?