

(c) In cases where the DTC staff is found at fault, suitable departmental action is taken against them.

Effect of Homoeopathic Drugs for treatment of Meningitis and manufacture of vaccine

4301. DR. G. V. RAMA RAO : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item "Homoeopathic Drugs more effective in meningitis" appearing in the Hindustan Times dated 22 March, 1985;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether Government have any plans to start manufacturing of vaccines and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether our Vaccine and Sera Research Laboratories have failed to perform their functions in developing vaccines for diseases such as meningitis which are being imported ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy has been instructed to take suitable measures to set up study teams for investigation treatment including prophylactic measures whenever incidence of disease or epidemics are reported in any part of the country.

(c) and (d). Our Vaccine and Sera Research Laboratories are geared to produce most of the vaccines and sera which are required for the implementation of National Health Programmes including immunisation schemes.

[Translation]

Connecting Jodhpur Express with Agra Fort Express at Samdari Junction

4302. SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER

JAIN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a difference of only 15 minutes between the arrival time of Jodhpur Express coming from Ahmedabad and departure time of Agra Fort Express going from Jodhpur to Barmer in the early morning at Samdari Junction;

(b) if so, whether due to the above difference in timings the passengers alighting from Jodhpur Express at Samdari Junction are not able to take advantage of Agra Fort Express for going to Balotra and Barmer; and

(c) if so, whether a change is proposed to be made in the time table for connecting these trains at Samdari for the benefit of passengers going to Balotra and Barmer ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) The difference between arrival of 265 Up Jodhpur Express and departure of 207 Up Agra Fort Express is 20 minutes at Samdari Junction.

(b) and (c). The feasibility of providing connection 265 Up Jodhpur Express and 207 Agra Fort Express at Samdari Junction has been examined but not found operationally feasible.

[English]

Amount proposed to be spent on Computerised Reservation and Freight Booking

4303. SHRI E. S. M. PAKER MOHAMED : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Railways are introducing computers for reservations and freight bookings;

(b) if so, what is the total amount likely to be spent on computers; and

(c) what is the likely benefit the public is likely to get by this modernisation ?