

(a) and (b) A sub-centre with a midwife (Auxillary Nurse Midwife now known as female Multi-purpose Worker) was provided for every 10,000 rural population, upto the end of Vth Five Year Plan. In order to provide better coverage, it was decided to have a midwife (sub-centre) for every 5,000 rural population in a phased manner. In order to achieve this norm about 1.3 lakhs sub-centres are required in the country. About 80,000 sub-centres are likely to be in position by the end of VIth Plan. It is proposed to establish additional 50,000 sub-centres during the VII Five Year Plan.

Beside the midwives, maternity services at village level are provided by dais. About 5.03 lakhs dais have already been trained.

Rajdhani Type Superfast Train Between Delhi and Bhubaneswar.

1330. SHRI BRAJA MOHAN MOHANTY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

- (a) whether any Rajdhani type Super fast train connecting Delhi with Bhubaneswar is being introduced ; and
(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) No Sir,

(b) Does not arise.

Abolition of Post of Demonstrators in Colleges and Universities

1331. KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the University Grants Commission has recommended the abolition of the post of Demonstrators in Colleges and Universities ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) recommendations to the States, if any, on the subject by the University Grants Commission ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K C. PANT) (a) and (b)

While recommending the revision of payscales for teachers in universities and colleges in 1973, the UGC had recommended that while the existing incumbents of these posts might be sanctioned the revised scale, no appointments should be made to this category of teachers in future. It was also recommended that facilities should be provided to existing tutors and demonstrators to improve their qualifications with a view to their ultimate appointment as lecturers.

(c) The above recommendations have been communicated to the universities and State Governments.

Economic Independence of Women

1332. SHRI BALASAHFB VIKHE PATIL : Will the Minister of SOCIAL AND WOMEN'S be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the slow progress in the economic emancipation of women in rural areas is due to the lack of vocational opportunities ;

(b) whether in addition the Social taboos prevent them to take to modern education and avail opportunities and are contributing towards their slow progress and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to improve the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL AND WOMEN'S WELFARE (SHRIMATI M. CHANDRA SEKHAR) : (a) Yes, Sir. This is one of the reasons,

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Ministry of Social and Women's Welfare implements schemes such as socio-economic programmes with the object of helping women to set up small production units, training-cum-production units etc. through the Central Social Welfare Board ; training programmes for rehabilitation of women through voluntary organisations and scheme for training-cum-production

centres for women through public/autonomous organisations.

The Ministry of Rural Development have started two schemes, namely, Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas (DWCRA) and Training of Rural Youth for Self-Employment Programmes (TRYSEM). Women's Industrial Training Institutes have been set up by State Governments. The Ministry of Social & Women's Welfare will continue to support and coordinate such schemes being implemented by other Ministries/Departments.

Deaths due to Diarrhoea During 1984-85

1333 PROF. RAMAKRISHNA MORE : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) how many people died of diarrhoea during the year 1984-85 ; and

(b) what steps are being taken to educate the people against this dangerous disease ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA : (a) and (b). According to reports received from the States/Union Territories, 6714 persons have died from Diarrhoeal diseases during 1984-85. The following preventives measures have been taken by the State Govts. to control the disease :

(i) Every village health guide looking after 1000 population in the rural areas is being supplied with 60 packets of Oral Rehydration Salt every year.

(ii) Health educational material is being published in different languages for education of health workers and members of the community for prevention of diarrhoea and management through the use of oral rehydration solution.

(iii) Training courses are being conducted for the doctors and other staff in the promotion of oral rehydration salt.

[Translation]

Construction of Geetanagar Railway Crossing near Rewatpur Station (Kanpur)

1334. +SHRI JAGDISH AWASTHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a proposal is under consideration of Government for the construction of Geetanagar Railway crossing near Rewatpur Station (Kanpur) on North Eastern Railway ;

(b) if so, the progress made in this regard so far and the time by which the work in this regard is likely to be started ; and

(c) if not, the difficulties being experienced in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) ; (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Railways are undertaking this work of providing new level crossing on deposit terms at the request of State Government. The plans and estimates for this work have been finalized. The Railways has approached the Commissinor for Railway Safety for granting his approval and the work will be taken up for execution after the same is received.

(c) Does not arise.

[English]

Super Thermal Power unit for Sambhalpur, Orissa

1335. SHRI JAGANNATH PATNAIK : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) is there any proposal to start a Super Thermal Power producing unit in Sambhalpur District of Orissa in view of