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Unmanned Railway Level Crossings in Maharashtra

6097. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of accidents which occurred at unmanned railway level crossings in Maharashtra during 1986-87 and 1987-88;
- (b) the total number of such Level Crossings in Maharashtra; and
- (c) the steps taken to avoid accident at those level crossings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) During 1986-87 and 1987-88, 6 accidents occurred at unmanned level crossings in Maharashtra.

(b) The total number of Unmanned

Level Crossings in Maharashtra is 1264.

- (c) Some of the steps taken to prevent accidents are:—
 - (i) provision of road signs/whistle boards and rumble strips/speed breakers short of level crossings.
 - (ii) improving the visibility at level crossings for road users and train drivers.
 - (iii) educative campaigns.
 - (iv) enlisting the co-operation of State Governments to educate the road users before issue/renewal of driving licences.
 - (v) conducting ambush checks jointly with the State Governments officials including traffic police.

Central Council of Health and Family Welfare for more effective Family Planning Programmes

6098. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANI-GRAHI: SHRI V. TULSIRAM:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Central Council of Health and Family Welfare has recommended for the adoption of small family and suggested stricter steps for population control and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether any review has been made as to how far the measures taken to promote family planning and the expenditure incurred thereon during the last two decades has been fruitful; and

(c) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARISAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) The Central Council of Health and Family Welfare in its meeting held in February, 1988 has impressed upon the need for political support and administrative dynamism for attaining the objectives for the adoption of small family norm. However no stricter steps have been suggested for achieving the population control.

(b) and (c). The Family Welfare Programme is being reviewed periodically in the various fora. Achievement of targets with respect to goals laid for the year and the expenditure with respect to outlays approved for the year are reviewed during Annual Plan discussions at the level of Planning Commission. For the first two years of the Seventh Plan, the progress of the programme has also been reviewed in the midterm review.

As a result of Family Welfare Programme, more than 85 million births are estimated to have been averted till 31st March, 1987. The infant mortality rate has come down to 96 per 1000 from 139 in 1972. The birth rate has fallen from 41 to 32.4. The couple protection rate has risen to 37.5. There is almost universal awareness of the programme both in rural and urban areas.

[Translation]

Construction of Air-strips in U.P.

- 6099. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether State Government of Uttar Pradesh had proposed to provide technical guidance for the construction of certain airstrips in U.P.; and

(b) if so, the names of the proposed airstrips and their present position?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTILAL VORA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[English]

DTC Service between Delhi and Farrukhabad via Beawar

6100. SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a demand for a Delhi Transport Corporation service between Delhi and Farrukhabad via Beawar; and
- (b) if so, whether Government propose to introduce such a service for the convenience of the travelling public?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No such request has been received so far by DTC.

(b) Does not arise.

Instructors under Non-formal Education

- 6101. SHRI SAIFUDDIN AHMED: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DE-VELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of instructors under the programme of non-formal education serving in Assam;
- (b) whether these instructors will be considered for regular appointment as teachers; and