

completion of maintenance/servicing according to the inspection due on the aircraft. The aircrafts are grounded at stipulated intervals as approved by the Director General of Civil Aviation for checks/repairs.

(c) No specific aircraft is earmarked to operate on the sector Delhi/Goa/Cochin/Trivandrum. Boing aircraft deployed for operating the service are in airworthy condition.

Approval to Urban Malaria Scheme of Maharashtra

3804. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Maharashtra Government has urged the Union Government to approve the Urban Malaria Scheme;

(b) whether the State Government will not be able to implement the scheme till its approval by Government; and

(c) if so, since when the proposal is pending with the Union Government and by what time the scheme is likely to be approved by Government ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) : (a) to (c). The Urban Malaria Scheme is presently being implemented in 15 towns of Maharashtra State. Since this Scheme is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, approval of the Union Government is necessary. Proposals have recently been received in respect of Pusad and Jalna towns, which is being processed in consultation with the Directorate of National Malaria Eradication Programme.

Setting up of Leprosy Research Institute in Kerala

3805. SHRI H.B. PATIL : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Karnataka Government is showing less interest towards the eradication of leprosy from the state;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Karnataka Government had refused even to handover a building proposed to be acquired for leprosy Hospital at Bangalore;

(c) whether Union Government had agreed to establish Leprosy Research Institute in that State;

(d) whether Government have sought any report in this regard from the State of Karnataka; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) : (a) No, Sir. The Government of Karnataka is committed to the goals and strategy of National Leprosy Eradication Programme. The Districts of Dharwar and Belgaum have already been brought under Multi Drug Treatment.

(b) to (e). It was proposed to establish a Regional Leprosy Teaching and Research Institute in Bangalore at the Central Leprosorium, Magadi Road. The State Government which had originally agreed to offer 7 acres of land and the Leprosy Hospital along with the quarters for the proposed Institute subsequently changed their stand and offered 15 acres of land only. Under the programme there is a scheme which envisages taking over some of the State Institutes for developing them into Research-cum-Training Institutes with Hospital attached. There is no provision for construction and establishment of new training centres.

Steps to Meet Winter Rush of Northern Railway

3806. SHRI H.N. NANJE GOWDA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Northern Railway has decided to reschedule many of its train services and also introduce three new trains for winter rush;

(b) if so, the major changes that have been made with effect from October, 1986; and