

integrated with the general health services and the District Medical Officer is the Chief Implementing Authority at the District level.

Bomb Explosions In Railways

857. SHRI ANNA JOSHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of bomb explosions in the Railways during last six months.

(b) the number of casualties and the financial losses incurred on that account; and

(c) the measures undertaken to control such mishaps?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) During last six months, 40 cases of bomb explosions were reported over Indian Railways.

(b) 24 persons were killed and 48 persons were injured in these bomb blasts.

The financial losses incurred on account of bomb explosions is approx. Rs. 20,49,900/-.

(c) Maintenance of Law and order on the Railways is primarily the concern of the State Government concerned. However, the travelling public are being warned in the affected areas through public address system, close circuit T.V., posters and Newspaper advertisement not to touch or handle any suspicious object and to report about it to the Police/Railway staff. Random check of passengers' luggage is being conducted in the affected areas by police parties to identify and locate unclaimed articles.

National Conference on "Tobacco or Health"

859. SHRI LOKANATH CHOUDHURY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a national conference on "Tobacco or Health" was held in Delhi recently;

(b) if so, the recommendations made by the conference and the action proposed to be taken thereon;

(c) the number of tobacco related deaths for the post three years in the country; and

(d) whether the Government proposed to give job preference to the non-smokers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. D.K.THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes, Sir. A National Conference on "Tobacco or Health" was held at All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi on 27-28 July, 1991.

(b) A copy of the recommendations made in the Conference is enclosed in the Statement. The Concerned Ministers/Depts. of Govt. of India and the State Governments have been requested to take necessary action on the recommendations made in the conference.

(c) The exact number of deaths occurring due to diseases caused by tobacco in the country is not known. However, it has been estimated that in India about 1 million persons die every year due to tobacco related diseases.

(d) There is no such proposal.