

State/UT	Pregnant Women	Infant
Tripura	73 252	65.969
Uttar Pradesh	5317.946	4717.272
West Bengal	1991.597	1813.112
A & N Island	6.367	5.850
Chandigarh	12.325	11.433
D & N Haveli	5.374	4.872
Daman & Diu	2.980	2.759
Delhi	233.527	215.015
Lakshadweep	1.424	1.278
Pondicherry	16.935	15.552
All India	27007.880	24289.660

**Tinsukia-Saikhowa Railway Line
(Assam)**

9035. SHRI LAETA UMBREY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the year of commissioning of Tinsukia to Saikhowa (Dolla) Railway line in Assam;

(b) whether any improvement have been made after its commissioning;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is economically viable; and

(e) if not, the steps being taken to make it viable.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Tinsukia-Saikhwa Ghat Railway line was commissioned in parts:

	Length	
1. Tinsukia-Makum	9 km	16.7.1883
2. Makum-Doomduma	15 km	2.5.1884
3. Doomduma-Talap	10 km	6.2.1885
4. Talap-Dangri-Saikhwa Ghat	6 km	1.5.1910 (Upto Dangri)

Existing line is upto Dangri; the section beyond was abandoned due to change in course of Brahmaputra.

(b) and (c). The track and signals have been maintained and improved over the years as a continuing process.

(d) Doomduma-Dangri branch line, (31km) is left with extremely low traffic, due to road movement of tea traffic from its catchment; it is economically not viable.

(e) The Railways have included this line in the Action Plan for Gauge conversions to B.G. in the VIII Plan. After conversion this line will get linked to the national B.G. network and as a result traffic is expected to increase.

Contraceptive for both Sexes

9036. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-items captioned 'contraceptive for both sexes' appearing in the 'Statesman' dated February 13, 1992;

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

(c) whether any clinical trials have been conducted in this regard;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof;

(e) whether the adverse impact of family planning measures is a direct result of shift in policy from targeting both men and women to mainly women; and

(f) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY

WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVEI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Studies are already on at the Institute for Research in Reproduction (IRR), ICMR, to isolate a substance called 'inhibin' from the prostate gland, a small organ that surrounds the neck the urinary bladder in men.

As indicated in the newsitem, animal studies at IRR have shown that inhibin prevented pregnancy in females by modulating the level of circulating follicle stimulating hormones. When administered to males, it turned the spermatozoa into a 'lump' thereby preventing the fertilization of the egg. These studies have been confirmed in laboratory animals only.

(c) and (d). The clinical trials would be initiated after clearance from the Toxicology Review Panel after pre clinical animal toxicology studies are over.

(e) Since its inception, the Family Welfare Programme is targeted both towards men and women and there has been no shift in the policy..

(f) Question does not arise.

Workshop on ' Science Writing in Hindi'

9037. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether IIT Kanpur had organized a Workshop on 'Science Writing in Hindi' and

(b) if so, details of the recommendations made and action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI
ARJUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. A Seminar on