

organisations; and

(g) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIM.L.FOTEDAR):

(a) Extensive clinical trials of Norplant-6 have been conducted in many developed and developing countries other than India after which it has been in use in these countries. In India, the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has carried out phase-II randomised trial of Norplant-6 and Norplant-II and thereafter phase-III clinical trial and pre-programme introductory study in respect of Norplant-II,

(b) The trials have indicated the safety and efficacy of the devices.

(c) and (d). It has been decided that the ICAR would conduct phase-III clinical trial of Norplant-6 in 10 medical colleges before its introduction in the National Family Welfare Programme can be considered.

(e) and (f). The women's organisations which have represented to the Government against introduction of Norplant in the country include - Action India, All India Democratic Women's Association, Ankur, AIDS Bhed Bhav Virodhi Andolan, Jagori, Karmika, Kali, ISST, Centre for Women's Development Studies, Saheli, Y.W.C.A., National Federation of Indian Women, P.U.D.R., Purogami Mahila Sangathan, Sabla Sangh, Mahila Dakshata Samiti, Shakti Sahalini and Joint Women's Programme.

(g) Their representation has been examined and it has been decided that phase-III clinical trial of Norplant-6 would be undertaken by the ICMR in 10 selected medical colleges with proper care pertaining to insertion, counselling, follow-up and monitoring before its introduction in the

National Family Welfare Programme can be considered.

[*Translation*]

Railway line from Shahjahanpur to Badaun

+2998. SHRI SATYA PAL SINGH AYDAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for laying a railway line from Shahjahanpur to Badaun via Kheri Lakhimpur and Farrukhabad;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Constraint of resources.

[*English*]

Wagons for Kotdwara

+2999. MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to Starrex Question No. 470 answered on 31.3.92 and state:

(a) whether 'rake and piecemeal' supply for carriage of foodgrain to Kotdwara Station is continuing;

(b) whether the Ministry have received any fresh demand for supply of wagons for Kotdwara;

(c) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). All the demands for movement of foodgrain to Kotdwara were met in full and no demand is pending.;

[*Translation*]

Sick Sugar Mills

3000. SHRI BRIJBHUSHAN SHARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of sick sugar mills in the country during 1991;

(b) whether there has been a sharp increase in the number of the sick sugar mills during the last six months;

(c) if so, the number thereof;

(d) the details of the schemes formulated for making these sick sugar mills financially viable; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (e). Under the provisions of the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985, companies which become sick have to be referred to the Board

for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR). These provisions have now been extended to cover public sector undertakings also. BIFR had intimated that 21 cases relating to sugar industry have been registered with them. BIFR had further reported that out of these, 9 cases were not maintainable. As regards the remaining cases, further action is being taken by the BIFR as per the provisions of the aforesaid Act.

Information regarding sick sugar mills in the cooperative sector is not maintained.

"Environmental and Forests Projects"

3001. DR. P.R. GANGWAR:
PROF. RASA SINGH
RAWAT:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the projects for improvement of environment of forests which are being executed with the assistance of the World Bank and other countries; and

(b) the progress made so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b). The details of on-going projects receiving assistance from the World Bank and under bilateral programmes are given in the Annexure.