

(a) whether there has been alarming rise in TB patients in some States;

(b) if so, the States where such cases have increased and incidence in other States also; and

(c) the steps taken to control TB?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) National Tuberculosis Control Programme is implemented on 50 : 50 sharing basis. Under the programme early detection of cases and their free and regular treatment with combination of drugs. is promoted in all States and Union Territories.

[Translation]

Bharatpur Halt

1659. SHRI RAJESH RANJAN ALIAS PAPPU YADAV : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Bharatpur Halt between Katihar and Barauni railway sections in Bihar has been withdrawn;

(b) if so, whether the Government have any proposal to restart it; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI) : (a) to (c) No station by the name 'Bharatpur Halt' exists on Katihar-Barauni section. However, a proposal for opening of halt station at Bharati on Barauni-Katihar section was received in 1994 and was not found justified either on financial or on Passenger amenity grounds.

[English]

Late running of Trains

1660. DR. KARTIKESWAR PATRA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Orissa bound trains are reaching more than 12 to 13 hours late from their scheduled time everyday;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps the Government propose to take to maintain punctuality?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. However the running of trains get affected at times due to reasons such as accidents, agitations, equipment failures, alarm chain pulling, miscreant activities etc.

(c) Intensive chasing and daily monitoring at different levels including holding of daily punctuality meetings both at Divisional and Headquarter's level and Foot-Plate Inspection by Senior Officers of different Departments are undertaken regularly. In addition, punctuality drives both at Inspectorial and Officer's level are also launched and lacunae in the system whenever detected are dealt with.

Cancer Hospitals

1661. DR. K.D. JESWANI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to State :

(a) the number of Cancer Hospitals in the country, State-wise;

(b) the number of patients treated at these hospitals every year; and

(c) whether these hospitals are well equipped to give all kind of treatment to the patient?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY) : (a) A statement showing the number of cancer treatment centres, state-wise is enclosed. Besides, facilities for surgical intervention and chemotherapy for treatment of cancer patients are available in almost all major hospitals in the country.

(b) Data is not available.

(c) The Regional Cancer Centres have comprehensive facilities for diagnosis and treatment of cancer patients.

STATEMENT

NUMBER OF CANCER TREATMENT CENTRES

State/U.T.	Number of Cancer Treatment Centres
1. Andhra Pradesh	13
2. Assam	2
3. Bihar	3
4. Chandigarh	1
5. Delhi	5
6. Goa	1
7. Gujarat	5
8. Haryana	1
9. Himachal Pradesh	1
10. Jammu & Kashmir	3
11. Karnataka	11
12. Kerala	6
13. Madhya Pradesh	6
14. Maharashtra	16
15. Manipur	1
16. Meghalaya	1
17. Orissa	3
18. Pondicherry	1
19. Punjab	4
20. Rajasthan	4
21. Tamil Nadu	17
22. Tripura	1
23. Uttar Pradesh	11
24. West Bengal	7
Total	124

Railway Tracks

1662. SHRI RAM KAPSE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that the Railway tracks between Digras and Darwha Motibag in Yavatmal District of Maharashtra were uprooted;

(b) if so, whether Government have made inquiries in the matter and the findings thereof;

(c) the reasons for not constructing these railway-tracks till now; and