

*[English]***Hospitals**

3741 SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether as per study conducted by WHO nearly 21 percent patients acquire infection after getting admissions in various hospitals;

(b) if so, whether the Government have conducted any survey regarding the hospital induced infection;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to keep the hospitals infection-free?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY) : (a) An International survey by World Health Organisation was conducted in 47 hospitals in fourteen countries in 1986 which inter-alia revealed that prevalence rates of infection in individual hospitals varied from 3% to 21% (medium 8.4%).

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) In Central Government hospitals regular monitoring of pathogenic bacterial population in high risk areas e.g. nurseries, burn and plastic Departments, operation theatres and labour rooms etc., is done and regular measures are taken as and when necessary. Emphasis is laid on aseptic techniques, aseptic precautions, personal hygiene, proper disposal of hospital waste in the scientific manner by incineration and fumigation practices.

*[Translation]***Rail Link**

3742. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is no direct rail link between Bikaner and Ajmer Sharief in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be provided; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI) : (a) and (b). Direct rail link (both B.G. and M.G.) is available between Ajmer and Bikaner. However, no direct train is available between the two cities.

(c) Introduction of a direct train between Ajmer and Bikaner is presently not feasible due to operational constraint and lack of resources.

*[English]***Halt at Surendranagar**

3743. SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether representations have been received to provide a halt of Puri-Okha Weekly train No. 8401/8402 at Surendranagar in Gujarat;

(b) whether any action has been taken on the demand;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) Yes, Sir. The demand has been examined.

(c) and (d). Provision of stoppage of 8401/8402 Okha-Puri Express at Surendranagar has not been found justified on traffic grounds.

*[Translation]***LCA**

3744. SHRI SURENDRA PAL PATHAK : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the matter of the manufacture/development of LCA turned out to be tactics of propoganda;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether proto-type aircraft is flown at least for the period of one month to three months after bringing it out from the hanger; and

(d) if so, whether this method has been applied to the LCA proto-type aircraft?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE-RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT) AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Roll out of LCA, which took place on 17 Nov 95, is an important milestone before commencement of its flight trial. Hence this occasion was recognised.

(c) and (d). As per world-wide practice, the first aircraft after roll out is subjected to a series of ground tests to establish its conformancэ with airworthiness criteria before clearing it for first flight. This practice is being followed in case of the first LCA. The ground tests of first LCA are expected to be completed by November 1996 after which its flight tests would commence.