

International Undertaking 1979, on behalf of her husband, Mr. Nelson Mandela, Mrs. Winnie Mandela applied to the South African authorities for a passport to travel to India. Subsequently, an item appeared in the South African press towards the end of May, 1980, stating that Mrs. Mandela's application had been turned down by a South African authorities. Mrs. Mandela's attorneys have sought confirmation from the South African authorities. Government is also in touch with the African National Congress.

Overbridge at Cuddalore

3667. SHRI R. MUTHUKUMARAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal pending for the past over one decade, for an overbridge to be constructed at the District Headquarters in Cuddalore New Town, Tamilnadu;

(b) if so, at what stage the matter stands; and

(c) whether Government propose to take urgent steps to start with the construction work of the overbridge?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

Proposal to run Marudhar Express between Jodhpur and Jaipur Daily

3668. SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have fulfilled the demand of the people of the area by introducing a Marudhar Express train between Jodhpur and Jaipur in May, 1980;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this express train does not run on Wednesday and if so, the reasons therefor and whether Government will take steps to run this train daily; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that this train after reaching Phulera station in time becomes late by an hour or more?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes.

(b) Yes. The schedule of the trains provides for maintenance of coaches at night. It is considered necessary to give day maintenance to all coaches on one day in a week.

(c) No. The punctuality performance of 504 Dn. Marudhar Express has by and large been very satisfactory.

News item captioned "Pull and Pressure cases in T.B. Hospitals"

3669. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in local daily of 5th April, 1980 regarding 'Pull and Pressure cases in T.B. Hospitals';

(b) if so, what are the facts in this regard; and

(c) whether Government propose to open another T.B. Hospital in the Capital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) Yes.

(b) Delhi has quite satisfactory Tuberculosis services. A chain of 11 T.B. Clinics run by different organisations are functioning in different areas/zones of the Union Territory of Delhi to undertake domiciliary treatment of T.B. patients. There are two T.B. Hospitals in the Capital. One is the Lala Ram Sarup T.B. Hospital run by the T.B. Association in Mehrauli with 306 sanctioned beds and the other is the Rajen Babu T.B. Hospital run by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi in Kingsway Camp area with 1113 sanctioned beds. In addition

there are 74 T.B. beds for observation cases etc. in the other T.B. Clinics in the capital.

As the T.B. Institutions of Delhi are well reputed, a large number of patients from adjacent States come here to seek treatment. These outside patients cannot avail of domiciliary treatment facilities on a long term basis as they have no place of stay in Delhi, and hence they approach various authorities etc. for getting admission to the T.B. Hospitals. Many of such patients have to be admitted by the hospital authorities on compassionate grounds because they are in very poor general health and need immediate inpatient treatment.

It is expected that as and when treatment facilities in adjacent States further improve in course of time, a significant number of T.B. patients from these States who, at present, come to Delhi would approach their local institutions for treatment.

(c) There is no proposal under consideration of Government of India to open another T.B. Hospital in the Capital.

Movement of foodgrains

3670. SHRI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE ALLURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railways have drawn up a plan to undertake massive movement of foodgrains following a bumper rabi crops in all parts of the country; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). Yes. However, plans for movement are finalised every month by the Food Corporation of India and the Railways in consultation with each other.

Cases of Jaundice in States

3671. SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey regarding the cases of jaundice in various States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps Government have taken in this regard to extend its co-operation in favour of States; and

(d) whether the World Health Organisation has also extended its assistance to India and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) and (b). No. However, the Central Bureau of Health Intelligence in the Directorate General of Health Services collects data on cases and deaths due to jaundice from the States and Union Territories. The information to the extent available pertaining to the years 1977, 1978 and 1979 is enclosed.

(c) The Central Government, if the State Governments/Union Territories so require, renders the following assistance for the effective prevention and control of the disease:—

(i) Assistance in conducting epidemiological investigations when an out-breaks occurs by deputing team from National Institute of Communicable Diseases, Delhi, The All India Institute of Hygiene and Public Health, Calcutta and other Institutions. Such teams also assist the States/Union Territories in the prevention and control activities.

(ii) Assistance in obtaining drugs, reagents for diagnosis and other supplies.

(b) No assistance has been sought from the World Health Organisation so far.