

**Buddhist Sites at Jayrampur**

56. SHRI E. AHAMED: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Buddhist sites of Jayrampur in Balasore district of Orissa has been damaged; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to protect and preserve?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) No, Sir. There is no report of damage to this site which, incidentally, is not a Centrally protected site.

(b) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

**Tuberculosis Patients**

57. SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted to ascertain the number of tuberculosis patients in various States; and

(b) the special efforts made to check the growing number of tuberculosis patients during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes Sir. A national sample survey was conducted by Indian Council of Medical Research in 1955-58 and subsequent limited surveys were also conducted in different parts of the country to ascertain the number of tuberculosis patients in the country.

(b) To combat the problem of Tuberculosis, national Tuberculosis control Programme is in operation since 1962. During the last three years 10 new District T.B. Centres have been established raising the total number of established district T.B. Centres in the country to 381.

In order to reduce the duration of treatment from 12-18 months to 6-8 months, short course Chemotherapy Drug Regimen, Containing more potent drug like Rifampicin and Pyrazinamide have been introduced in 134 district Tuberculosis Centres during the last three years raising the total number of such sticks to 253.

To augment the case finding activity in the periphery, 2503 microscopes, 32 X-Ray Units with Odelca amers and 125 Diesel Jeeps also have been provided during the last three years.

About 280 medical and para medical personnel were also trained during the last three years to man the District T.B. Centres in various states/U.Ts.

[*English*]

**Conversion of Manmad Adilabad Line**

58. SHRI DHARMANNA  
MONDAYYA SADUL:  
SHRI BAPU HARI CHAURE:  
SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA  
GAVIT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in conversion of manmad Aurangabad - Adilabad railway line upto the end of December, 1991;

(b) whether the conversion work of the line is going on as per schedule; and

(c) If not, the reasons therefor and expected time by which the same is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Manmad-Aurangabad section has been opened as BG on 23.1.1992. Overall progress on these conversion projects is 17%.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The conversion of the line upto Adilabad is expected to be completed in 1994-95

**"Policy for Abatement of Pollution"**

59. SHRI P.G. NARAYANAN:  
SHRI K.V. THANGKA BALU:

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

(a) whether comments of the State Governments are invited to bring forward a policy for abatement of pollution;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the policy for preventing pollution seeks to create necessary awareness in the country for preventing pollution;

(d) if so, what are the priority areas;

(e) whether Government propose to provide fiscal incentive to various industries in this regard; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) The comments of State Governments have been considered in finalising the Policy Statement

on Abatement of Population.

(b) to (f). Protection of the environment has always been a major concern and has been built into all programmes, projects and policies taken up so far. This has to be a continuing process. As part of the process, we have to seek integration of environmental and economic aspects in development planning; lay stress on the preventive aspects in pollution abatement; promote technological inputs for reducing the industrial pollutants and increase reliance upon cooperation in securing a clean environment particularly the support of the State Governments. Keeping these considerations in view, a policy statement on abatement of pollution has been prepared to deal with integration of environmental and economic aspects in pollution abatement. The objective of this policy is to integrate environmental consideration into decision making at all levels. To achieve this, steps have to be taken to:

- prevent pollution at source;
- encourage, develop and apply the best available practicable technical solutions;
- ensure that the polluter pays for the pollution and control arrangements;
- focus protection on heavily polluted areas and river stretches; and
- involve the public in decision making.

**Restoration of Navjeevan Express**

60. SHRI Y.S. RAJASEKHAR REDDY:  
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to