

ibagh, Bihar, by Archaeological Survey of India. However, the exploration carried out during 1982-83 brought to light remains of an ancient tank, Pala temples, some images depicting Ganesa, Vishnu, Uma, Mahesa and Surya besides Buddhist sculptures, an image of Tara bears an inscription of Mahendra Pala

(c) and (d) During the cleaning operations by local students under NSS programme (not in excavation) some sculptures were noticed but no unauthorised excavation has been reported

(e) No, Sir

(f) and (g) Does not arise

Development of Piravom Road Station

5396 SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any proposal for the development of Piravom Road Railway Station in Kerala, and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-
LIKARJUN) (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise

Ban on Contraceptives

5397 SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL
Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE be pleased to state

(a) whether some leading women's organisations demanded that Norplant and all other contraceptives be banned, and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE (SHRIMATI D K THARADEVI
SIDDHARTHA) (a) and (b) Some women's organisations have made a representation to the Government suggesting that Norplant or any other long acting invasive contraceptive should not be introduced in the Family Planning Programme in the country and hormonal contraceptive preparations should be banned in the social marketing programme. Their representation is under consideration of the Government.

Pilferage of coal

5398 SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether there is increase in pilferage of coal from open wagons while on move

(b) whether any assessment of the loss of coal in transit has been made by the Railways during the last one year

(c) if so, the outcome thereof, and

(d) the measures proposed to be taken to check such pilferage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-
LIKARJUN) (a) Yes Sir

(b) to (d) Total loss of coal during transit on Railways have been reported worth Rs 36 32 539/- during the year 1990-91 as against loss of coal worth Rs 32,48,234/- reported during the year 1989-90. However, coal worth Rs 5,89,012 could be recovered by RPF during the year 1990-91 as against recovery of coal worth Rs 4,08,063/- made

during the year 1989-90 With a view to ensuring protection of coal from being pilfered during transit by rail, escorting of block loads of coal wagons, patrolling in big and vulnerable yards and black spots is undertaken Crime intelligence staff collect intelligence about activities of coal thieves and receivers and conduct raids on them for recovery of stolen coal and arrest criminals and receivers

Central Assistance to Bihar for National Health Programme

5399 SHRISYED SHAHABUDDIN Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state the Central assistance released to Bihar for each National Health Programme separately during

the last three years, in absolute terms as well as percentage of the total expenditure on each scheme for the country as a whole, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D K THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA) (a) Under the constitution Health is a State subject However with a view to augment the efforts of the State Governments for control/eradication of certain specific diseases, the Centre is providing assistance to them through Centrally Sponsored Schemes A Statement showing Central Assistance released to Bihar for major schemes during the last three years is as under –

(Rs in lakhs)

Year	NMEP		NLEP		NPCB		NTBCP		FWP	
	Exp	% age	Exp	% age	Exp	% age	Exp	% age	Ex	%age
1988-89	564	40.65	98	00.515	23	20.426	68	36.537	3132	85.929
1989-90	661	27.743	99	84.485	17	78.312	87	34.742	3834	15.107
1990-91	485	41.592	155	75.699	28	49.854	63	96.513	4994	94.1166

1 National Malaria Eradication programme

2 National Leprosy Eradication programme

3 National Programme of Control of Blindness

4 National Tuberculosis Control Programme

5 Family Welfare Programme

Small Forest Products

5400 SHRI LALIT ORAON Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state

(a) the policy of the Government in regard to small forest products

(b) the names of the States where these products have been nationalised and the names of the small forest products nationalised,