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**Establishment of Railway Sidings in
National Aluminium Complex,
Damanjodi**

2604. **SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK** : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the steps taken by the Rail India Technical and Economic Services Limited (RITES) to establish Railway sidings in the National Aluminium Complex, Damanjodi in Koraput district of Orissa; and

(b) the progress made so far in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) and (b). Rail India Technical & Economic Services Limited (RITES), a Government of India Undertaking, is providing transportation consultancy to National Aluminium Company (NALCO) a Government of India Undertaking under the Ministry of Steel, Mines and Coal. The consultancy includes advising NALCO on all matters connected with linking of the Alumina Plant at Damanjodi to the railway network and provision of sidings and exchange yard.

RITES have already completed survey for providing railway siding including exchange yard and other facilities in the NALCO complex. The company is now supervising construction of siding under contract let out by NALCO

**Facilities for Medical Termination of
Pregnancy**

2605. **SHRI C. P. THAKUR** : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the deaths from illegal abortions are on increase ;

(b) whether this is due to lack of facilities of medical termination of pregnancy; and

(c) can these facilities be extended upto Primary Health Centre level and if so, what steps Government are going to undertake in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a), (b) & (c). There are no precise estimates of the number of illegal abortions being carried out in the country. It is not feasible to have reliable estimates of these occurrences because of the secrecy that surrounds them. The Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act was passed in order to deal with the situation. Government has taken a number of steps by way of increasing the facilities and availability of trained manpower to provide MTP services all over the country. Under Section 4 (a) of the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, all hospitals established or maintained by the Government are approved to render M.T.P. services. As per information available MTP facilities are available in 4543 institutions in the country. Government is helping the States and Union Territories to extend the M.T.P. facilities in Sub-divisional/ Taluk hospitals and Primary Health Centres.

Training of doctors in M.T.P. technique from the rural and urban areas is systematically undertaken by various States and as per information available 3375 (provisional upto December 1984) doctors drawn from Primary Health Centres had been trained in the technique of M.T.P.

Gas-Based Power Plants

2606. **SHRI R.P. GAEKWAD** : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that inter-ministerial group has approved a proposal for going in for a net-work of gas-based power generation plants in India to meet the growing energy demand ;

(b) whether in view of the large availability of gas from the proven fields, such as South Bassein and the new gas fields recently discovered, 4 to 6 gas turbine plants of 250 MW capacity each, are proposed to be established ; and

(c) if so, the location for these plants and Government's reactions thereto ?