

to Birlagram. There have been no train accidents. There might have been some cases of accidents involving persons crossing tracks at unauthorised locations.

(c) & (d). As per extant rules, the proposals for new foot over bridges required for the use of general public and new road over/under bridges are to be sponsored by the State Government/Local Authority and entire cost has to be borne by them. In case of road overbridges replacing existing level crossings, Railway bear broadly 50% of the cost. So far no proposal has been received from the State Govt./Local Authority to provide additional foot/road overbridge.

**Recommendations of Regional Conference On Women And House Hold**

116. SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY : Will the Minister of SOCIAL AND WOMEN WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the action being taken on the recommendations of the Regional Conference on Women and Household held in New Delhi from January 27 to 31, 1985, with particular emphasis on the recommendation that the women's movements all over the world to participate in the struggle for nuclear disarmament to ensure humanity's right to life ; and

(b) the action being taken by Government to prevent the use of sex symbols in promotional media throughout the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL AND WOMEN'S WELFARE (SHRIMATI MARAGATHAM CHANDRASEKHAR) : (a) The recommendations of the Conference on Women and Household pertain to wide range of activities falling under different sectoral Ministries like Ministries of External Affairs, Labour and Employment, Health & Family Welfare, Petroleum & Chemicals etc. This matter is being taken up by this Ministry with the concerned Ministries.

(b) At the instance of this Ministry, the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting has issued guidelines to all the State

Governments and Administrations of Union Territories stressing the need for observance decency in the display of firm posters, advertisements etc. etc.

**Increase in Guinea-Worm Disease And Affected States**

117. SHRI AMAR SINGH RATHAWA : SHRI MOHAN LAL PATEL :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the dreadful guinea-worm disease is rapidly increasing in the country ;

(b) if so the names of the states which are most affected ;

(c) number of persons affected in each such states ; and

(d) steps being taken by the Government to eradicate the diseases ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) No. There is a declining trend in the incidence of Guinea-worm disease since the implementation of the National Guinea-worm Eradication Programme with effect from 1982.

(b) The disease is prevalent in the states of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Gujarat.

(c) According to the reports received during 1984, 40443 Persons living in 79 districts and 524 Primary Health Centres of the country were reported to be affected with Guinea-worm disease.

(d) The following steps are being taken to eradicate the disease :

(i) Active case searches, twice in a year for accurate delimitation of the problem.

(ii) Provision of safe water supply through the State Public Health Engineering Departments,