

was requested to assist the Narmada Project in Gujarat which is a joint project of Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Rajasthan. The World Bank has already signed two credit agreements for this project for U.S. \$ 450 million. The second Narmada Project in Madhya Pradesh has also been appraised by the World Bank team and the discussions with the World Bank for credit are in advanced stages.

**Immunization Facilities against
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio,
TB and Typhoid**

2679. SHRI G. BHOOPATHY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the villages where immunization facilities against diseases like Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio, TB and Typhoid have been provided ;

(b) whether Government are aware that there are villages where parents are not aware of the existence of these facilities and their children die or are crippled by these deadly diseases ; and

(c) if so, action taken by Government to see that this facility reaches even the villages ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN
THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
(SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) :**

(a) to (c) : Immunization services for Diphtheria Tetanus, Polio, TB and Typhoid throughout the country are provided through a net work of health institutions, including primary health centres, sub-centres, etc. Information about importance of immunization and the available facilities is disseminated through various channels, including mass media and inter-personal contact. The programme of immunization is proposed to be further strengthened during the Seventh Five Year Plan.

**Development of Languages of Soura
and Santhal Tribes**

2680. SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state ;

(a) whether the Soura and Santhal Tribes have distinct script of their own language ; and

(b) if so, the brief description regarding the invention, development and propagation of these scripts ?

**THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI K. C. PANT) :** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Soura and Santhali have invented scripts of their own. They are also written in the State language scripts.

The new Soura script was invented by Shri Mongol. It is used by his followers. But Oriya script is also used to write Soura. The Central Institute of Indian languages, Mysore and NCERT have prepared primers in Soura script, using necessary modifications to suit the sound system of Oriya.

The Santhali script, called 01 Chiki was invented by Sri Murmu and is used by his followers. Besides the 01 Chiki, Roman, Bengali, Devanagari and Oriya scripts are also used to write Santhali. While Bengali, Devanagari, Oriya scripts are used for Santhali in West Bengal, Bihar and Orissa respectively, Roman scripts is preferred by the followers of the christian faith. The Santhals had organised a conference on the script, but could not come to a consensus.

Late Running of Trains

2681. SHRI B. V. DESAI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that punctuality of trains has been greatly affected during the last three months ;

(b) if so, the main reasons for the late running of trains ;

(c) the steps taken to improve the punctuality of trains ; and

(d) by what time it is expected that the rail services will be punctual ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) While during May and June, 1985, Punctuality has been more or less steady as compared to May/June, 1984, there was a slight drop during July, 1985 as compared to July, 1984.

(b) The main reasons were heavy rains, breaches, accidents, Alarm Chain pulling and other miscreant activities as well as rolling stock and Signal failures.

(c) The punctuality performance of 240 important Mail/Express trains is being monitored in Railway Board's office on day-to-day basis. General Managers and Divl. Railway Managers are paying personal attention to matters pertaining to punctual running of trains. Liaison with concerned State Governments is being maintained for arresting the incidences of alarm chain pulling, hose-pipe disconnection and other miscreant activities which are seriously affecting the punctual running of trains.

(d) Efforts to improve the punctuality is a continuous process.

Proposal to Stop Subsidising Public Transport Undertakings

2682. **SHRI B. V. DESAI :**
SHRI SANT KUMAR
MANDAL :

Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a proposal to stop subsidising public transport undertakings was considered by the Union Government ;

(b) if so, whether Government have finally taken a decision to stop subsidising public transport ;

(c) whether a directive has been issued to States in this regard ;

(d) if so, the details thereof ; and

(e) whether the two-day conference organised by the Central Institute of Road Transport was held during the month of June ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) to (d) : The Union Government does not give any subsidy to any of the state Road Transport Undertakings. The question of stopping the subsidy to them therefore does not arise.

(e) Yes Sir.

Introduction of Computers in Railway Services

2683. **SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA :** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the schemes in hand for introducing computers in the Railway services ;

(b) how far these are expected to contribute to (i) greater safety of Railway travel, and (ii) passenger amenities ; and

(c) whether the implied displacement of Railway staff and their alternative deployment will be discussed with the Unions before starting computer operations ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Indian Railways have a scheme in hand for introducing computers in the field of Freight Operations and Passenger Reservation Services. This is in addition to the replacement and augmentation of computing facilities required by the Railways for their internal Management Information System,