

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission have expressed concern over the poor achievement in creating new power generation capacity;

(b) whether Government, with its commitment to increase capacity in power generation permit private agencies like Bombay Suburban Electric Ltd, and other similar agencies to generate power; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) The aspect of poor achievement in creating new power generation capacity was mentioned in the mid-term appraisal of the Sixth Plan document of Planning Commission.

(b) and (c) The present policy is regulated by the Industrial Policy Resolution of 1956 Under this Resolution, generation and distribution of electricity falls under Schedule 'A' which includes category of industries, the future development of which will be the exclusive responsibility of the State. The Resolution, however, does not preclude the expansion of the existing privately owned units or the possibility of the State securing the cooperation of private enterprise in the establishment of new units when the national interests so require. Under this Policy, Govt. have allowed replacement/expansion of units in the existing privately owned utilities.

Shortfall in Family Planning Targets and Corrective Steps

442. SHRI CHINTA MOHAN :
SHRI R. P. GAEKWAD : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been a serious shortfall in family planning targets and if so, what corrective steps are proposed to be taken;

(b) whether the plan for IUD insertions is being stepped up ;

(c) whether there has been significant progress for practical application and safety of anti fertility immune bodies developed at the AIIMS and if so, details thereof; and

(d) whether it is a fact that the county's entire progress is being jeopardised in the absence of successful implementation of population control programme and if so, whether this programme will be taken up on a war footing and fully computerised ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) to (d) Development and population control interact in a mutually beneficial way. Family Welfare Programme has therefore, been accorded a high priority in the overall socio-economic development planning. During the Sixth Five Year Plan achievement of family planning targets was around 80%. The Programme will be further strengthened during the 7th Plan and its monitoring will be computerised. The IUD Programme received a big step up from 6.28 lakhs in 1980-81 to 15.46 lakhs in 1984-85. Immunological approaches to fertility control are still at an experimental stage.

Repair of Roads in Delhi

443. SHRI KALI PRASAD PANDEY : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that the condition of most of the Delhi roads is very bad; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken for the immediate repair of all such roads in Delhi ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) No, Sir, Road in Delhi are generally in good condition.

(b) The maintenance and repairs of roads is a continuous process and it is carried out from time to time as necessary depending upon availability of funds.

Supply of Anti-Rabic Vaccines to Zonal Railways

444. SHRI SYED MASUDAL HOSSAIN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the Serum Institute of India

is supplying Anti-Rabic Vaccines injections of 1 millilitre instead of 14 injections of Semple's vaccine of 5 millilitre;

(b) whether the Railway Board have made any arrangement to supply such Anti-Rabic Vaccine 6 injections of 1 millilitre as supplied by the Serum Institute of India to the Zonal Railways; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) No, Sir. For general prophylactic purpose, Semple's vaccine produced by the various State Pasteur Institutes is still being used. In special cases where there is any overwhelming danger, the Chief Medical Officers of the Zonal Railways are free to use the Human Diploid vaccine sold by M/S Serum Institute of India.

(c) The continued use of Semple's vaccine has still been considered as adequate in most cases. This has been the opinion of the Anti-Rabic Haffkine Research Institute, Bombay whose opinion was obtained in the matter.

Hydro Power Potential in Sikkim

445. SHRIMATI D.K. BHANDARI : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey of Hydro-power potential in Sikkim;

(b) if so, what is the potential; and

(c) if not, whether Government propose to do so in the near future ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As per latest estimates of Central Electricity authority, the hydro-electric potential of Sikkim is 1 28 million KW.

(c) Does not arise.

Incidence of Guinea Worm in Rajgarh and Guna Districts of Madhya Pradesh

446. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of high incidence of guinea worm in Rajgarh and Guna districts of Madhya Pradesh ;

(b) if so, whether the Union Health Ministry has taken any steps to eradicate the incidence of guinea worm ;

(c) if so, what are the plans and when are they going to be implemented ; and

(d) if not, does the Health Ministry has any plans to do so ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Government of India has already initiated the National Guinea worm Eradication Programme in the 7 endemic States including Madhya Pradesh. The following activities are carried out under the programme :

(a) Provision of safe water supply to the guineaworm endemic villages/hamlets on a priority basis by the Rural Water Supply Department.

(b) Health education to promote personal prophylaxis.

(c) Chemical treatment of step wells to eliminate the intermediate host i.e. cyclops.

(d) Treatment of patients at the PHCs.

(e) Active case search twice in a year to monitor the impact of control measures.

The guineaworm disease is expected to be eradicated by the end of Seventh Plan period.

(d) Does not arise.

Plan for Laying of New Lines and Extension of Existing Lines

448. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have formulated a plan to either lay new lines or extend the existing ones in the country to promote national integration and develop backward regions ; and