

Gaggal in Kangra District during the current Five-year Plan.

(e) The National Airports Authority will provide the requisite technical guidance to the State Government for executing the project.

#### Facilities to eminent authors

4230. DR. G. VIJAYA RAMA RAO : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering any integrated scheme to provide benefits, like housing, pension etc. to eminent authors as has been done for freedom fighters and working journalists in Delhi and other places; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

#### Feasibility study for introducing superfast trains

4231. SHRI P. A. ANTONY :  
DR. B. L. SHAILESH :

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the French National Railway have been asked to conduct a feasibility study for introducing superfast trains in India;

(b) if so, whether the report of such study has been prepared; and

(c) if so, the routes likely to be covered and the capital outlay involved ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

#### Plight of leprosy patients of 'Khud' in Dehradun

4232. SHRI MOHD. MAHFOOZ ALI KHAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the plight of the leprosy patients living in a dilapidated colony of their own in 'Khud' in Dehradun without any help or medical aid from Government agencies; and

(b) if so, steps taken by Government to improve their lot ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It has been intimated by the Government of U. P. that 56 Leprosy patients are living in the colony which is located near Meclaren Leprosy Hospital in Dehradun. This colony is in existence since 1940. Only in 5 of the 56 patients, disease status is reported to be active. Under the National Leprosy Eradication, all patients are entitled for free treatment. The District of Dehradun is under Multi Drug Treatment since March 1986 and all the eligible patients would be put under Multi Drug Treatment. There are several leprosy hospitals-Government/voluntary-functioning in and around Dehradun where leprosy patients can take treatment. The facilities for rehabilitation of deformed patients are provided by the Welfare Ministry through Voluntary Organisations.

#### Performance of Suburban Rail Services

4233. SHRI MURLI DEORA : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the estimated profit/loss for the current financial year on Bombay's Suburban Rail Services both Western and Central; and

(b) how does the Rail Tariff Enquiry Committee assess the performance of the Suburban Rail Services in Bombay City ?