

(d) An IEC Training Plan has been formulated with a view to strengthening the existing training and supervision of health and family welfare workers working at the grassroot level. Under this training plan, health and family welfare workers will receive repeated on-the-job training as part of the programme implementation process. The trainers will move to the work places of the health and family welfare workers instead of calling the workers to the training institutions. The training content and methodology will be different from the existing approach of traditional nature, with greater stress on improving inter-personal communication skill of the health workers rather than imparting knowledge on technical aspects of the programme. Under this training plan, the Training and Visit System being used in agriculture extension is sought to be utilised with necessary adaptation.

The training plan will be implemented in two phases with USAID assistance of 6 million dollars. In the first phase, of one year, the training will be conducted in three selected districts of each State. On the basis of the results of the first phase the training activities will be extended to the remaining districts of the four states after making necessary modifications. The existing central training institutes and the training centres of the States will provide training support in the implementation of the programme. Under this training plan, more than 68,000 health and family welfare workers are expected to be trained in the four States over a period of five years.

Construction of Talcher-Sambalpur Line in Orissa

22. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made certain changes in the original plan of the Talcher-Sambalpur railway line under construction in Orissa ;

(b) whether alternative sites have been selected for the construction of that line at certain stages ;

(c) if so, the details of the original plan, new sites selected ; and

(d) the progress made in the construction work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (c) Construction of this rail line has been approved as per plan finalised in preliminary Engineering-cum-Traffic survey completed in 1982. No change to this has been approved.

(d) Work is in progress in the sections from Sambalpur to Maneswar and Talcher to Angul. Present progress is approximately 50%.

Drop-Out of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribe Children

23. SHRI RAM DHAN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe boys and girls do not enrol themselves and if enrolled drop-out from classes before completion of primary education ;

(b) if so, the percentage of enrolments and drop outs ; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to extend pre-matric scholarship scheme for children of the families engaged in unclean professions to all Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe children to achieve full enrolment and prevent drop outs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Enrolment ratio and drop-out rate during 78-79 for which information is available for (children belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes is as below :—

	PRIMARY STAGE (classes IV)	
	Enrolment ratio	Drop-opt rate
Scheduled Castes	79.9	62.1
Scheduled Tribes	66.4	76.8