(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (d). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Finalisation of Core Curriculum

- 37. PROF. P.J. KURIEN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have finalised the core curriculum for school education which is an important part of the new educational policy; and

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI):
(a) and (b). "National Curriculum for Primary and Secondary Education—A framework" has been prepared by NCERT which identifies the areas of core curriculum. Following the adoption of New Education Policy, NCERT in collaboration with other agencies is taking further steps for development of guidelines to frame curriculum, preparation of syllabi, exemplar material and multi-media packages including

text-books for different grades in a phased manner.

Leprosy Patients and Foreign Assistance to Control Leprosy

- 38. SHRIMATI PRABHAWATI GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of leprosy patients in the country and details thereof; State-wise; and
- (b) the amount of aid to be received from abroad for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) About 3.95 million leprosy cases a e estimated in the country. The details of leprosy patients, state-wise are given in the statement given below.

(b) Rs. 348.00 lakhs is expected to be received as aid from International agencies like United Nations' Children Fund, World Health Organization, Swedish International Development Agency and Danish International Development Agency during the year 1986-87.

STATEMENT
STATEWISE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF LEPROSY CASES

S. No. State/U.T.	Population as per 1981 census (in lakhs)	Estimated Numbers of cases (in lakhs)	Prevalence Rate per 1000
1 2	3	4	5
1. Andhra Pradesh	535.50	6.28	11.72
2. Assam	199.00	0.15	0.75
3. Bihar	699,10	3.80	5.43
4. Gujarat	340 .90	1,00	2 93
5. Har yana	129.20	0.01	0.07
6. Himachal Pradesh	42.80	0.07	1.64
7. J & K	59.90	0.05	0.83
8. Karnataka	371.40	2,22	5. 98
9. Kerala	254.50	0.75	2.95
10. Madhya Pradesh	521.80	1.20	2.30