New contraceptive methods

344. SHRI ANANTA PRASAD SETHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether doctors have identified several new contraceptive methods to make birth control an easier task for women and Family Planning Programme more effective;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE IN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b): Several new contraceptive devices like development of a birth control vaccine, sub-dermal implant Norplant medicated IUD's and long acting injectables are in different phases of clinical trials on women. Depending on the results of these trails and their efficacy and acceptability under Indian conditions these methods may be introduced in the Programme.

Survey for new railway line between Nadakudi-Gudur-Kalabasti

- 345. SHRI MANIK REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the South Central Railway has conducted any survey to start new railway line between Nadakudi-Gudur-Kalahasti in Andhra Pradesh; and
- (b) if so, the details of the survey and the action taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). Survey has been completed for wew BG line Nadikudi-Rapur-Venkatagiri/Gudur. The cost of Nadikudi-Venkatagiri line (346 kms.) is estimated at Rs. 187 crore. The Survey Report is being examined in Railway Board.

Construction of building at Uppaluru Railway Station

346. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether representations have been received from the people of Uppaluru village for construction of a building at Uppaluru Railway Station; and
- (b) if so, the action taken thereon and the probable time by which the construction of the Station building will be taken up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A proposal for construction of Assistant Station Master's office at Uppaluru has been finalised and the same is being constructed during 1986-87. The proposal for a full station building at Uppaluru will be considered for inclusion in Railway's future Works Programme subject to availability of funds.

Proposal for a new superfast train between Delhi/New Delhi and Howrah

- 347. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether there is any proposal to introduce new super-fast passenger train between Delhi/New Delhi and Howrah;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
 - (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) and (c). Seven pairs of Mail/Express trains, including 2 pairs of superfast trains, are available between Delhi/New Delhi and Howrah. Besides, the frequency of Howrah-New Delhi Rajdhani expresses has been increased from 4 to 5 days a week from 1-10-1986. These are considered adequate for the present level of traffic.

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