

not accepted by various member airlines on commercial considerations.

(c) Since IATA is an association of various international airlines, Government cannot interfere in that forum.

[Translation]

**Conversion of Jodhpur University into a Central University**

529. SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the basic requirements for declaring a university as a Central university;

(b) whether Jodhpur University in Rajasthan fulfils all the requirements; and

(c) if so, the reasons for delaying the conversion of the said University into a Central University ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) As the Central Government does not, as a matter of policy, declare any State University a Central University, no specific criteria have been laid down for the purpose.

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

**Failure of laparoscopic sterilisation**

530. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ : SHRI ANANTA PRASAD SETHI :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether despite the efforts made by the Union Government encouraging progress has not been made under the Family Planning Programme particularly in regard to tribal women and the women belonging to weaker sections of society;

(b) whether Government have also received reports to the effect that laparoscopic sterilisation has proved harmful and all expectations from it have been belied;

(c) if so, whether Government have conducted any survey in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) : (a) No, Sir. However, special emphasis is being given by the Government for promotion of Family Welfare among the weaker sections of society.

(b) No, Sir. Laparoscopic sterilisation has not proved harmful. Constant efforts are made to improve the quality of laparoscopic sterilisation so that chances of failure are minimised. Guidelines for laparoscopic sterilisation have been formulated in consultation with the expert group of I. C. M. R. and they have been circulated to all the States/U.Ts for strict follow-up.

(c) and (d). Studies conducted indicate that failure rate among laparoscopic sterilisation cases ranges from 0.3 per cent to 2.7 per cent.

[English]

**Level crossing accidents at Paohali Pahar in North Lakhimpur district of Assam**

531. SHRI AMARSINH RATHAWA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a bus-train collision occurred at an unmanned level crossing at Paohali Pahar in the North Lakhimpur district of upper Assam resulting in the death of 28 persons and injury to 60 persons;

(b) if so, whether the accident has been enquired into; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and preventive measures taken to avoid recurrence of such accidents there ?

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