

Special Train between Calcutta and Bhubaneswar to link places of Buddhist Interest

1421. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Railways have introduced a special train from Calcutta to link places of Buddhist interest in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh ;

(b) whether a similar train is proposed to be introduced between Calcutta and Bhubaneswar to link the places of Buddhist interest like Ratnagiri, Udaygiri and Lalitgiri in Orissa ; and

(c) if so, the steps taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) A tourist train was introduced from Calcutta with effect from 3.11.1983 for the tourists visiting Buddhist centres like Gaya, Varanasi, Lumbini and Kushinagar. However, this special train has, since, been withdrawn due to poor patronisation.

(b) There is no such proposal at present.

(c) Does not arise.

Concern over T.B. of the Spine

1422. SHRI LAKSHMAN MALLICK : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether T.B. of the Spine is continuing to cause concern in India and other developing countries ; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by various disciplines of medicine to tackle the problem ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE

MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) : (a) and (b) Tuberculosis of Spine constitutes a very low percentage in comparison to the number and problem of pulmonary Tuberculosis. It is a non-infectious chronic disease. Facilities for free diagnosis and treatment for all type of Tuberculosis including Spinal Tuberculosis are available in the District TB Centres, TB Clinics, hospitals, including general hospitals.

Increase in Incidence of Polio cases in Madhya Pradesh

1423. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the details regarding increase in the number of polio cases in the State of Madhya Pradesh particularly in the remote areas where Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes are living ; and

(b) the steps Government are taking in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) : (a) The details of incidence of Poliomyelitis cases in the remote areas of Madhya Pradesh, where Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes are living, are not separately available. However, the number of cases of Poliomyelitis reported to the Central Bureau of Health Intelligence by the Medical Institutes of Madhya Pradesh, during the last four years are as under :-

Year	Cases
1982	1950
1983	850
1984	1699
1985	2122