

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

(b) Increase in the frequency of the train is not feasible at present due to paucity of resources.

Improvement in rail road connections to Dhanushkodi

1619. SHRI N. DENNIS : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the steps taken to improve the rail/road connections to Dhanushkodi ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : No steps for provision of a rail connection to Dhanushkodi are under consideration of the Ministry of Railways. A road bridge at Pamban is however under construction by the Tamilnadu State Highway Department.

Test to Check Pregnancy

1620. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ :
SHRI R.M. BHOYE :

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a new test which can identify a woman within 30 minutes whether she is pregnant or not is likely to come in market ; and

(b) 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) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following kits are under trial with Indian Council of Medical Research ;

(i) G. Test Beta 250 u-i.

(ii) 'Evhtast' Monoclonal Pregnancy Test.

(iii) 'Acculone' Monoclonal Pregnancy Test.

(iv) Pregecolor (Immunological Pregnancy Detection Kit).

(v) 'Dipstick Assay' for pregnancy Test.

Pregnancy test kit at Item V has been developed by the National Institute of Immunology, New Delhi whereas other test kits are of imported origin. As soon as the results of these tests are received from the ICMR regarding their feasibility for introduction in the National Family Welfare Programme in field conditions, Government will take a decision regarding their use in the F.W. Programme.

Road under Bridge near Ajitsing Nagar

1621. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received presentations regarding the need to construct road under bridge near Ajitsing-Nagar in lieu of railway level crossing on Vijayawada-Eluru railway line ;

(b) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Railways to take up this work in the Works Programme of Railways for 1987-88; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Railways ?

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

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The proposal for construction of a road under bridge in lieu of existing level crossing near Ajitsingh Nagar is under consideration of the Ministry of Railways for inclusion in the Railways' Works Programme of 1987-88.