

(c) and (d). All Universities in the country have been requested to make adequate reservation for Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe candidates in the appointment to teaching positions. The mechanics for selection of candidates belonging to these categories have also been communicated to the Universities as guidelines by the University Grants Commission.

[English]

Neurotic Disorder Amongst Bhopal Gas Victims

5343. SHRI P. PENCHALLAIAH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any Neurotic disorders among the Bhopal gas victims;

(b) whether there is any unsatisfactory report by Indian Council of Medical Research in this regard; and

(c) what steps or remedies are being taken against the Neurotic disorders ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) : (a) to (c). The Indian Council of Medical Research has initiated two studies in collaboration with mental health specialists from Lucknow and Bangalore in order to assess the nature and extent of psychological sequelae in the gas exposed population. A community based mental health survey in the gas affected areas was also conducted to assess the prevalence of psychiatric disorders as well as to study the associated psychosocial factors and outcome of the disease. A total population of 2099 in severely/moderately affected areas and 2460 in mildly affected areas and 1981 in control area has been screened. The prevalence rate of psychiatric disorders were 132.9 per thousand in severely/moderately affected area 60.2 per thousand in mildly affected area and 24.9 per thousand in control area. It was observed that approximately 92.62% of patients in the exposed areas suffer from neurotic disorders (neurotic depression = 57.4%, Anxiety State 33.12% Hysteria = 2.1%).

A team of psychiatrists from Bangalore formulated and conducted a training programme in mental health for the medical officers working in the gas affected areas of Bhopal. The aim of this programme was to provide skills to medical officers to recognise, diagnose, treat and refer cases with mental health problems. A manual was also prepared to aid the doctors in handling mentally ill cases in gas affected areas of Bhopal.

Chittaranjan Locomotive Works

5344. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI :
SHRI AMAL DATTA :
DR. SUDHIR ROY :
SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the future of the Chittaranjan Locomotive Works has become uncertain for want of an economical 'load' to fully employ its skilled manpower;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to keep the Chittaranjan Locomotive Works running and to provide employment to the surplus staff; and

(d) whether any diversification programme is also under consideration, if so, the details thereof ?

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

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). It is planned to produce 70 electric locomotives in 1986-87, 81 in 1987-88, 100 in 1988-89 and 100 in 1989-90. The project for increasing the capacity of electric locomotives from 60 to 80 is under implementation and that for increasing the output from 80 to 100 is under process.

Leakage of Chlorine in Calcutta Port Trust Godown

5345. SHRI R.P. DAS : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :