

Two LRPUs, one at Puri and one at Aulatur have been sanctioned for Orissa to take care of the rehabilitation problems of the cured Leprosy patients.

#### Container service of Railways

6837. SHRI VIJAY N. PATIL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been a steady decline in the domestic container service of the Railways during 1985-86 and 1986-87;

(b) if so, the proportionate decline in comparison to 1981-82, 1983-84 and 1984-85;

(c) the reasons for decline in the container service; and

(d) the steps Government contemplate to improve performance in the container service of the Railways ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir. The loading during 1986-87 was the highest during the last six years.

(b) The loading in 1986-87 was higher than during these 3 years. The loading in 1985-86 was marginally less than that during 1981-82 and 1984-85 by 3.9% and 1.1% respectively.

(c) Due to road competition.

(d) Some of the steps taken to further improve the performance in respect of domestic containers are intensive marketing drives, personalised service to the customers, close monitoring of transit time of containers, etc.

#### Bhadrachalam-Kovvur rail line

6838. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a survey was conducted by Danda Karanya Railway (DBK) for a railway line from Bhadrachalam to Kavvur during 1966;

(b) whether the South Central Railway has updated this report and submitted to Railway Board;

(c) if so, the salient recommendations in the report; and

(d) the steps taken in this regard ?

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

(b) The survey was updated in 1971.

(c) In 1971, this 149 Km. long line was estimated to cost Rs. 10.39 crore and was assessed to be financially unremunerative.

(d) Construction of this line has not been approved.

#### University for Sports

6839. SHRI V. KRISHNA RAO : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a need to start University for Sports;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to start Sports' University; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) and (b) Government are of the view that all Universities, colleges and other educational institutions can contribute significantly to the promotion of sports in