

KHAPARDE) : (a) and (b). The Government are aware of the reported adverse interactions of Aspirin in children suffering from viral fever namely Reye's Syndrome. These findings had emanated from countries abroad. The exact cause-effect relationship between intake of Aspirin/Salicylates and causation of Reyes' Syndrome is however not yet established in the opinion of the Indian experts.

(c) In the light of the reported side effects, the Government has already directed the drug manufacturers marketing Aspirin and other salicylate preparations in the country to incorporate a box warning "Not to be used in children below 12 years of age except under medical Advice" on the carton and strip-pack.

[Translation]

Laheria Sarai-Kusheshwar Madhubani-Singhia railway line

3340. SHRI RAM BHAGAT PASWAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether people are making a demand to construct a railway line from Laheria Sarai to Kusheshwar via Bhogiyara, Madhubani, Baheri, Pokhram and Singhia;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) whether Government propose to start the construction work of this railway line soon ?

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

(b) and (c). There is no proposal for construction of this line, at present.

[English]

Control on polytechnic and engineering diploma institutions

3341. DR. P. VALLAL PERUMAN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state ;

(a) whether Government are aware that a large number of Engineering Diploma holders who have either been unemployed or have not been able to get regular employment; and

(b) whether the Union Government propose to bring forward a bill for restriction and control of the polytechnic and engineering diploma institutions in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is a proposal to vest the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) with statutory powers which will make it possible for the AICTE to curb the unnecessary growth and ensure proper control of all Technical Institutions including Polytechnics and Engineering Diploma institutions in the country.

Vaccine for Japanese Encephalitis and immunisation programme

3342. SHRI E. AYYAPU REDDY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Institute of Virology has successfully developed a vaccine against the deadly Japanese Encephalitis disease;

(b) whether Government propose to immunise the programme in endemic areas in the coming months; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) : (a) to (c). The National Institute of Virology of the Indian Council of Medical Research is developing an appropriate vaccine for immunizing the pig population which would break the link and this may help in controlling the spread of the virus to humans. However, a mouse brain vaccine against Japanese Encephalitis has been developed by the Central Research Institute,