

capacity of 160 million pcs. each, have been installed by the Hindustan Latex Ltd. The Trivandrum unit has started production and, the Belgaum unit is likely to go in for production before the end of the current year. Similarly, M/s. London Rubber Company, Madras has also augmented their capacity by adding another unit with a capacity of 60 million pcs. per year.

At the moment, Condoms are imported the under OGL, and, considering both the inadequate indigenous production of Condoms and the large number of couples to be protected, it is considered premature to stop imports of Condoms into the country.

Educational programmes through T.V.

3415. CH. RAM PRAKASH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether educational programmes in the country are falling short of their targets due to lack of sufficient resources; and

(b) whether massive Television programmes are proposed to be launched through a new channel for use in every linguistic area in the country in order to wipe out illiteracy in the country by 2001 A.D. ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO) : (a) and (b). Education being a crucial area of investment for national development and national survival, the National Policy on Education envisages that outlay on Education will be stepped up to the extent essential for policy implementation in the Seventh Plan. It further states that from the Eighth Five Year Plan onwards it will uniformly exceed 6 per cent of the national income. This underlines the need for adequate investment in education specially to implement the new initiatives included in the NPE like the National System of Education, Universalisation of Elementary Education, Vocationalisation of education and improvement in quality and modernisation at all levels.

Programme of Action to operationalise policy parameters of National Policy on Education—1986 envisages that NPE would be supported effectively through mass media including TV. This media is being utilised for promotional, motivational and informational purposes on a limited scale. The use of TV will be expanded in the context of NPE and Technology Mission of Eradication of Illiteracy in future.

New Railway Stations

3416. CH. RAM PRAKASH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to construct new railway stations in the country;

(b) if so, the names of such stations in each State, Zone-wise; and

(c) the total expenditure to be incurred on these railway stations and by when these are likely to be constructed ?

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

(b) and (c). New railway stations are constructed mainly on New rail lines, a number of which are approved and being taken up alongwith construction of railway stations according to availability of resources. Details of these new lines viz cost, expenditure and outlay are given in the Pink Book and Explanatory Memorandum forming part of Railway Budget documents. 50 Halt Stations will be constructed in the rural areas.

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Vayudoot Services for Jhunjhunu

3417. SHRI MOHD. AYUB KHAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Jhunjhunu is proposed to be linked by Vayudoot Service in the near future and whether any survey is being conducted in this regard; and