

(c) the details of steps taken to increase the overall performance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRIMATI RAMDULARI SINHA): (a) to (c) The production of saleable aluminium metal at Korba Aluminium Complex of Bharat Aluminium Company Ltd. (BALCO) slightly declined during the first seven months of the current financial year 1987-88. Against the target of 55,850 tonnes of saleable aluminium metal, the actual production upto the end of October, 1987 has been 50,340 tonnes representing 90% of the target achievement. During the current financial year, Balco's Korba Complex had to face difficulties by way of two natural calamities (1) a cyclone in April 1987, damaging the 120 MVA transformers disrupting power distribution system and (2) a lightning in August, 1987 completely burning one of the rectifiers supplying power to the Smelter. As a result of these, there was some short-fall in production. The damaged transformers have since been repaired and the plant operations normalised. The rectifier damaged by the lightning in August, 1987 is also under repair. The production of saleable aluminium metal has started picking up and during the month of October, 1987, the production was 99% of the target fixed for the month.

Deaths Due to Dog bite and Import of Vaccines

3101. SHRI MOHD. MAHFOOZ ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the annual rate of deaths due to dog bite in the country;

(b) whether the vaccine for treatment of dog bite is imported or indigenously manufactured and the expenditure incurred on its imports, if any, during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government so far to be self-sufficient in the indigenous manufacturing of the vaccine and the results achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) The number of deaths due to dog bite (Rabies) reported during the years 1984, 1985 and 1986 is given below:

Year	Cases
1984	722
1985	698
1986	619

The above figures are generally in respect of patients treated in medical institutions only.

(b) The Anti-Rabies vaccine Sheep-brain vaccine inactivated by phenol or Betapropiolactone (BPL) is manufactured in the country itself. However, the new tissue culture vaccine for rabies is being manufactured in some developed countries. Some private firms/individuals are importing this vaccine for limited use. Government has no information on the amount of expenditure incurred for importing the limited quantity of this vaccine by private firms/individuals.

(c) The country is self-sufficient in the manufacture of indigenous antirabies vaccine (phenol or BPL in activated). However, a pilot project for the production of tissue culture vaccine is in progress at Pasteur Institute of India, Coonoor.

Price of Tea at Railway Stations in Uttar Pradesh

3102. SHRI KAMLA PRASAD SINGH:
SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tea vendors at the railway stations in Uttar Pradesh have increased the rate of a cup of tea from fifty paise to one rupee and the quality of tea is also not good;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to reduce this rate of a cup of tea at the railway stations in Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) The price of tea in cup of 150 ml. has been increased on all Railways. It has been done after a period of about 4 years on account of considerable rise in the costs of raw materials and the wages of the staff. The Railways have instructions to ensure service of standard quality of tea to the passengers. Instructions have also been issued to the Railways that to meet local demands, lower price can be fixed for reduced quantity of tea.

Meeting of Otorhinolaryngologists

3103. DR. T. KALPANA DEVI:
SHRI SUBHASH YADAV:

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

(a) whether Otorhinolaryngologists of the World held a meeting in November, 1987 at New Delhi;

(b) if so, the names of the countries which participated;

(c) whether some scientific, academic and research work was presented at the meeting;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether opportunities were provided during the meeting to share knowledge and expertise on various E.N.T diseases; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the details of gadgets and equipments exhibited?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes,

(b) There were participants from Korea, U.K., Japan, Muscat, Syria, West Germany, Denmark, Spain, Holan, Sweeden, USSR, Vietnam, Czechoslovakia, China, USA, Taiwan (Delegates from Taiwan joined in individual capacity), Saudi Arabia, Iran, Turkey, Egypt, Behrain, Belgium, Qatar, Kuwait, Australia, Netherland, Thrailand, Indonesia, Pakistan, Greece, Newzealand, Austria, Hongkong, Singapore, Phyllipines, Italy, France, Malaysia, Finland, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh.

(c) Yes.

(d) According to the organizers the Scientific Sessions comprised of invited lectures, panel discussions, scientific films, posters on various ongoing aspects of many diseases covering ENT speciality. This included congenital and related defects of the Ear and Facial Skeleton, Surgery of the ear pitfalls, Neuro-otology, Cochlear implants, tumours related to head and neck, adjuvant thereapy in head and neck cancer, cosmetic and reconstructive procedures, Dysphonia, Immunology and Allergy in ENT practice, Newer diagnostic and thereapeutic techniques, tropical ENT diseases, ENT in rural areas, Computers in Clinical practice etc.

(e) Yes.

(f) All the diagnostic and operative instruments related to ENT were exhibited in the Congress like Operating Microscopes, Evoked Response of the Audiometry and different implants etc.

Overloading of School Children by Three-Wheeler Scooters in Delhi

3104. SHRI PRATAPRAO B. BHOSALE
Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state: