

tisements. Since regulation of other tobacco products such as bidis, cigars etc, falls within the purview of State Govts., they have been urged to get a resolution passed in the State legislatures for adoption of a package of anti-tobacco measures to enable the Parliament to enact a legislation.

Delay in Finalisation of Code on Breast Feeding

1645. SHRI P.R. KUMARMANGALAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any delay in the finalisation of the Indian National Code for protection and promotion of breast feeding;

(b) whether any time schedule has been worked out for the finalisation and implementation of the same;

(c) whether some Baby manufacturers are abetting Government machinery in the finalisation of the code; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) No, Sir. This was finalised and published on 19 December 1983.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Survey Regarding Smoking Trends

1646. SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any country-wide survey of

smoking trends has been carried out so far and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any regional State-wise difference have been found in these surveys and if so, the results thereof; and

(c) corrective steps taken/proposed in the matter?

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

(a) No country-wise survey of smoking trends has been carried out so far. However, the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Bombay conducted surveys on tobacco habits in the districts of Ernakulam (Kerala), Srikakulam (Andhra Pradesh) and Bhavnagar (Gujarat). As per this survey, the prevalence of tobacco habit varied from 18% - 86% among males and from 8% - 67% among females.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Indian Council of Medical Research has been conducting/monitoring projects aimed at educating and persuading tobacco habitues to give up tobacco.

Extension of Tirumalai Express upto Visakhapatnam

1647. SHRI BHATTAM SRIRAMAMURTY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to extend Tirumalai Express upto Visakhapatnam from Kakinada;

(b) whether the number of bogies of Godavari Express has been reduced to 16 since the introduction of Tirumalai Express; and

(c) whether Government propose to