

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

increase the number of bogies of Godavari Express?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) No, Sir. There is no proposal at present.

(b) The composition of 7/8 Hyderabad-Visakhapatnam Godavari Express has been revised after introduction of 47/48 Secunderabad-Kakinada Gauthmi Express.

(c) No, Sir.

Environmental Clearance of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant

1648. SHRI BHATTAM SRIRAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per Annual Report of Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited, environmental clearance of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant was still under consideration of the Ministry of Environment and Forests;

(b) whether the revised profile of the project and the Corresponding cost estimate have since been approved by Government;

(c) whether the environmental clearance in respect of Yeleru Reservoir Project which is meant for supplying water for Visakhapatnam Steel Plant has been approved; and

(d) if not, what is the present position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) The environmental clearance in respect of Visakhapatnam Steel Project has since been given by the Ministry of Environment and Forests.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The Andhra Pradesh Government has yet to furnish information required by the Ministry of Environment and Forests before the latter can accord environment clearance for this project.

Increase in Sexually Transmitted Diseases

1649. SHRI BHATTAM SRIRAMAMURTY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether sexually transmitted diseases (STD) are on the increase;

(b) whether Government have decided to supply adequate equipment to Primary Health Centres to detect the diseases in the early stages; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to control STD in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, according to reports received from the State health authorities, there is a slight increase in the sexually transmitted diseases in the country.

(b) and (c). There are more than 400 STD clinics functioning in the country, which provide diagnostic and therapeutic services to the patients. Treatment facilities are also available in the Skin & STD Departments of the Medical College Hospitals, other Civil hospitals and districts hospitals.

Loss Suffered by Indian Shipping Companies due to Declining Value of U.S. Dollar

1650. SHRI S.M. GURADDI:
SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJU: