

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: