

Special Sub Groups on Environment and Rehabilitation have been constituted by the Narmada Control Authority to ensure preparation and implementation of Environmental Action Plans including those for Rehabilitation.

Underground Railways

2511. SHRI H.N. NANJE GOWDA :
SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJU :
SHRI S.M. GURADDI :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Indian Engineers engaged in the construction of the Metro Rail have been adopting some new techniques for the first time in the country to tackle many difficult problems being faced in the construction of the underground railways;

(b) if so, whether they will be able to complete construction work within the stipulated period;

(c) whether an All India Seminar on underground construction of railway lines was held in December, 1987;

(d) if so, the main recommendations thereof and by which time the same are likely to be implemented;

(e) whether Government are considering to start construction of underground railways in other cities also; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir. An all India Seminar on "Underground Construction with particular reference to Metro Railways" was organised in Calcutta on 23-12-1987 by the Institution of Engineers (India).

(d) No recommendations have so far been received from the organisers of the Seminar.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Suggestions made at 13th Asian Pacific Dental Congress

2512. SHRI H.N. NANJE GOWDA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether over 3,000 dental surgeons, professors and practitioners of dentistry from many countries participated in 13th Asian Pacific Dental Congress during January, 1988;

(b) if so, whether the suggestions given by the Dental Congress have been submitted to Government;

(c) whether Government have prepared a plan to implement these suggestions; and

(d) by what time these suggestions will be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) : (a) to (d). The 13th Asian Pacific Dental Congress was held at New Delhi from 28th January to 1st February, 1988. However, Government has not received any suggestions or recommendation from the Organisers of the conference.

[Translation].

Detection of AIDS

2513. SHRI SARFARAZ AHMAD :
SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR :

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

(a) whether the blood test of only those persons who stay in the country for a period of more than one year is done;

(b) if so, the reasons for taking such a decision; and

(c) whether Government propose to make arrangements to carry out blood test

immediately of all the persons arriving from abroad and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) : (a) and (b). It has been decided that any new foreign student being admitted in any Indian Educational/Research/Training Institute will be required to give an undertaking for undergoing a medical test including that for AIDS within one month of arrival in India and admission will only be confirmed after the result has been found satisfactory. All other foreigners intending to stay for more than one year in India shall be subjected to AIDS test except foreigners working in various Missions and journalists to accredited to the Press Information Bureau. The decision has been taken in the context of the situation as prevailing in the country.

(c) In view of the administration and operational problems, it would not be possible for the Government to arrange blood tests of all persons arriving from abroad.

[English]

Indo-US Symposium on Pregnancy

2514. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Indo-US Symposium on pregnancy was held in New Delhi in February, 1988; and

(b) if so, the nature of discussions held and the outcome thereof ?

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

(b) The Symposium was held at AIIMS, New Delhi under Indo-US Science and Technology Exchange Programme. The participants included reputed Scientists from USA and India. The theme focussed on was factors influencing in the establishment of pregnancy. The topics included :

- (i) Hormones and establishment of Pregnancy.
- (ii) Hormones and Genetics interaction.
- (iii) Growth factor.
- (iv) Steroid receptors and implantation.
- (v) Maternal recognition of pregnancy—Embryo and Endometrium interaction.

Death of Children for Want of Immunization

2515. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of infants reported to have died in 1987 for want of immunization;

(b) the major killer disease that affected these children;

(c) the measures Government adopted to ensure increased production, acquisition and supply of immunization vaccines; and

(d) the allocation made for this purpose for the year 1988-89 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) : (a) and (b). There is no precise data on the deaths due to vaccine preventable diseases *i.e.* Diphtheria, Whooping cough, Tetanus, Poliomyelitis, Measles, Typhoid and Tuberculosis in the country. Most of these cases go unreported as they are not taken to the hospitals/dispensaries. Private practitioners and voluntary organisations dispensing medical treatment also seldom report such cases. Further even among the reported cases, more often, they are not correctly diagnosed and properly categorised. The available information on deaths reported by various health institutions/hospitals/dispensaries to Central Bureau of Health Intelligence (CBHI) of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for