

(c) if so, the details of suggestions made in this regard; and

(d) if not, whether any such suggestions would be made in the future so as to establish meaningful cooperation and coordination at the national level?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). As and when National Committees are set up to celebrate individual centenaries, the decisions taken by the committee are coordinated with the concerned departments for implementation.

#### **Implementation of Recommendations of Seminar on Smoking and Health**

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

(a) whether a Seminar on Smoking and Health was organised in Simla in 1983 and if so, the recommendations made late the Seminar; and

(b) whether these recommendations have been accepted and implemented by Government and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes. The first Seminar on Smoking and Health held at Shimla in 1983 recommended formulation of policy for discouragement of tobacco use on priority basis in National Health Programme.

(b) The existing legislation namely 'The Cigarettes (Regulation of Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 1975 provides for

incorporating a specified warning on Cigarette packets/cartons and in Cigarette advertisements. Since regulation of other tobacco products such as bidis, cigars etc. falls within the purview of State Governments, 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.

#### **Weekly Running of Cochin-Bilaspur Express**

464. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether 955/956 Cochin-Bilaspur Express which was running twice a week has been converted into a weekly train; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Due to operational reasons and inadequate traffic offering.

#### **Financial Assistance to Popularise Buffalo Race**

465. SHRI V.S.KRISHNA IYER: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Kambala game (Buffalo race) is very popular in Karnataka particularly in Dakshina Kan-nada District;

(b) whether the Government of Karnataka has brought the details of the above game to the notice of Sports Authority of India for rednering financial assistance;