

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

(b) At about 22.40 hrs. on 27.1.88 while the Naph Special from Haldia bound for Dumetra was standing on line No.3 at Tatanagar Railway Station, seven Naptha tank wagons caught fire. There fire brigades were immediately pressed into service and the fire was completely extinguished at 1.45 hrs. on 28.1.88.

There was no casualty. Loss to Railway property on account of this accident has been estimated at Rs. 14.2 lakhs approximately.

A departmental inquiry has been instituted and its report is awaited.

Outbreak of Jaundice and Typhoid In Sheikh Sarai Residential Area

522. SHRI MOHD. MAHFOOZ ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the outbreak of jaundice and typhoid in Sheikh Sarai residential area in Delhi recently was due to the close proximity of sewage and water pipe lines resulting in suction from sewage into drinking water;

(b) if so, whether the matter was enquired into and what were the findings of the enquiry; and

(c) what are the remedial measures taken to avoid recurrence of such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARISAROJKHAPARDE):

(a) to (c). The cases of hepatitis (Jaundice) and typhoid were reported from Sheikh Sarai, Self Financing Phase I 'C' Block, a colony developed by DDA, during Novem-

ber, 1987. The Engineers of the Delhi Water Supply Undertaking and a team of doctors headed by the Municipal Health Officer, Delhi Municipal Corporation and a team from the National Institute of Communicable Diseases, Delhi investigated the matter. Preliminary investigations revealed that the water and sewer lines laid by the D.D.A. were running close and parallel to each other with loose ferrule connections resulting in probable suction of sewage into the water line resulting in the contamination of the drinking water supply of the area.

Necessary remedial measures were immediately taken by the local health authorities to contain the spread of the outbreak of jaundice and typhoid. A mobile dispensary has been functioning daily from 9.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. since 13.11.1987. Adequate quantities of Gama-Globulin injections have been provided and the injections are being given to the contacts, pregnant ladies and children below 14 years of age, which are considered to be vulnerable groups. Typhoid injections are also being given by the EPI staff of the Corporation. D.D.A authorities are making efforts to remove the engineering defects in the water supply system.

The situation is under control and containment measures are being continued.

[*Translation*]

Railway Lines in Industrially Backward Areas

523. SHRI DILEEP SINGH BHURIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a scheme for the expansion of railway facilities on priority basis in industrially backward areas; and