

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Executive Express to Cannannore, Tea Garden Express, Himsagar Express and Cochin-Ahmedabad Express have been cancelled;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether these are likely to be re-introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. While Himsagar Express was cancelled as a consequence of rationalisation of North-South train services from October, 1987, the other trains have been temporarily suspended due to operational reasons.

(c) The trains will be restored/reorganised in the forthcoming time table.

#### **Inadequate Funds to control AIDS**

533. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD:  
SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT:

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

(a) the allocations made for AIDS Control Programme during 1986-87 and 1987-88;

(b) whether the programme has suffered due to paucity of funds, etc.;

(c) if so, the reasons for not allocating adequate funds; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take for better implementation of AIDS control programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE):

(a) to (c). There has been no paucity of funds for the AIDS Control Programme. During 1986-87, an amount of Rs. 40,00 lakhs was made available and during 1987-88, an amount of Rs. 50 lakh has been provided for the programme. In addition, Indian Council of Medical Research has allocated Rs. 22 lakhs during 1986-87 and Rs. 20 lakhs during 1987-88 for AIDS research.

(d) The action plan being pursued at present is prevention through public education coupled with effective surveillance. The government proposes to intensify public education through mass media and expansion of surveillance activities and training of workers to build up capabilities for detection, diagnosis and treatment of AIDS cases.

#### **Equity participation of SAIL in special refractories in Kerala**

534. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision on the proposed equity and management participation by the Steel Authority of India Limited in Special Refractories Factory at Peruman, Kundara in Kerala; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It has been found feasible for SAIL to participate in the equity and management of Kerala Special Refractories Limited.