Association of Voluntary Organisations for Population Control

8777. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJES-WARI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the participation of voluntary organisations is needed to check growth in population;

(b) if so, whether voluntary organisations are proposed to be involved in his regard;

(c) if so, the details of voluntary organisations which have agreed to associate themselves in the implementtaion of family planning programme; and

(d) by what time these organisations will be associated for the implementation of the programme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHA-PARDE); (a) and (b). Yes. Sir. As a matter of policy the Government is already encouraging larger involvement of Voluntary Organisations in the Family Welfare Programme which includes Maternal and Child Health. Immunization and Family Planning services. Grants-in-aid are being given to a large number of Voluntary Organisations who are providing these services.

(c) The Programme is implemented in association with the State Governments and UTs. The details of Voluntary Organisations involved during 1987-88 are being called from them and will be placed on the Table of the House.

(d) Does not arise in view of the reply to parts (a) and (b).

Request for Additional through Coach and A.C. Coach on Konark Express

8778. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any additional amenities

have been provided in Bhubaneswar-Bombay Konark Express;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government of Orissa had requested his Ministry to provide an additional through coach and one A.C. Coach on Konark Express; and

(d) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). Government of Orissa have requested South Eastern Railway to provide additional coaches to Konark Express. This is not found feasible due to terminal constraints at Bombay V.T.

[Translation]

Adult Education through Voluntary Organisations

†8779. SHRI NARSINH MAKWANA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Adult Education Programme through Voluntary Organisations is going satisfactorily or there are some shortcomings in it;

(b) if there are shortcomings, the nature of these shortcomings;

(c) the criteria for giving grant to voluntary organisations and the arrangements made for the supervision of their working; and

(d) the reasons for which the number of illiterates is not coming down ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI) : (a) A review has revealed shortcomings in the implementation of the programme by some of the voluntary organisations.