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(f) and (g). Government has set up a Working Group to, inter-alia, examine various issues relating to setting up of a National Society of Authors, and report of the said Working Group has been received.

Fokker-50 Aircraft for Vayudoot

8809. DR. B.L. SHAILESH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Vayudoot has been offered the new Fokker-50 aircraft on counter-trade terms by its Dutch manufacturers; and

(b) if so, the decision taken on the 4 makes of aircraft being considered by it for its remote but busy routes ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTILAL VORA) : (a) Fokker-50 is one of the various aircraft offered for sale to Vayudoot.

(b) Detailed evaluation of the various aircraft offered for sale is still in progress.

Infant Mortality Rate

8810. SHRI MANIK REDDY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the present infant mortality rate (IMR) amongst the children in India;

(b) whether the infant mortality rate figure will tally within the goal proclaimed by Government in the "Health for All by 2000 A.D." and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) : (a) As per the latest estimate of SRS of Registrar General of India, the infant mortality rate was 96 per thousand live births (provisional), in 1986.

(b) and (c). The goal for 2000 AD is to bring down the infant mortality rate to below 60. The infant mortality rate in the country has come down from 129 per thousand live births in 1976 to 96 per thousand live births in 1986. However, it is too early to state now whether the goal of 2000 AD will be achieved. Steps taken by Government of India to reduce infant mortality include improvement of health infrastructure, training of health man-power, health education, adoption of 'risk approach', universal immunisation of children, oral rehydration therapy in diarrhoeal diseases, promotion of breast feeding and proper weaning practices, prophylaxis against nutritional anaemia and supplementary nutrition under the ICDS. Apart from the health activities improvement of socio-economic status of the population, including female literacy and, environmental sanitation is also required to achieve the goal.

Tuberculosis Deaths in Delhi

8811. SHRI R.M. BHOYE : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether eleven children died due to Tuberculosis recently at the refugee camp in Tilak Nagar, West Delhi; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) (a) No such report has so far been received in this regard.

(b) Does not arise.

Permissible Speed of Modern Coach

8812. SHRI JAGANNATH PATTA-NAIK : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the present holding of passenger coaches and the average hours of actual run per day by a coach;

(b) for how many hours per day, a modern coach is designed to be hauled;

(c) the maximum permitted speed for a modern coach and its actual average speed; and