

**Central Assistance to Maharashtra
for NMEP**

1861 : SHRI PRATAPRAO B. BHOSALE : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra has sought additional financial Central assistance for contingent expenditure in respect of the National Malaria Eradication Programme; and

(b) if so, the aid proposed to be given ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The National Malaria Eradication Programme is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on 50 : 50 cost sharing basis between the Centre and State Governments. Due to tight resource position, it has not been possible to enhance the contingency grant to States including Maharashtra under National Malaria Eradication Programme.

Computerisation of Goods Booking

1862. SHRI PRATAPRAO B. BHOSALE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to computerise goods booking at certain Railway stations during 1988-89 and 1989-90 ; and

(b) if so, the names of such stations ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD) : (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Computerisation of Reservation in Trains

1863. SHRI PRATAPRAO B. BHOSALE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government proposed to provide computerised reservation in trains against the last moment cancellation in order to plug the corruption prevalent at this stage:

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Charts are required to be printed 4 hours before the departure of a train. Consequently, computer intervention ends at that stage and further reservation activity on the train is handled manually. In doing so, however, the priority as indicated by RAC/waitlist number is maintained strictly. Besides, the system of reservation against cancellation (RAC) ensures that cancelled berths are allotted only to those who have been booked against RAC.

Increase in traffic in Indian Airlines

1864. SHRI BHATTAM SRIRAMAMURTY : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the number of passengers travelling by Indian Airlines has increased manifold during the last three years ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the waiting list of passengers are often as long as in the case of railways ;

(c) whether some routes of the Indian Airlines have been found to be un-economical ;

(d) whether any review of these un-economical routes is made from time to time ; and

(e) if so, the outcome thereof and if not the reasons therefor ?