

(d) whether "perchloron" is being used routinely to destroy the worms ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) Yes, all possible measures to educate the public have been taken in the States. The endemic States have also been requested to prepare suitable Radio messages for broadcasting from the A.I.R. centres.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Barbal fish (*Barbus puckerli*) was used in the 1930s. in few villages in Karnataka. Use of fish under Guinea-worm Eradication Programme has been considered operationally feasible.

(d) Perchloron was used in 1984 by some of the endemic States principally Rajasthan. Since 1985 a cheaper and more effective alternative chemical namely temephos 50% EC at one ppm doses is being applied to step wells to kill cyclops.

[*Translation*]

Stoppages of Superfast Trains at Gwalior

1605. SHRI KAMMODILAL JATAV : Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Superfast trains going to Bombay and Madras from Delhi daily;

(b) the number of such trains which do not stop at Gwalior station.

(c) whether Government propose to provide stoppage of these Superfast trains at Gwalior station which at present do not stop there; and

(d) whether Government propose to start a new Superfast train direct to Calcutta from Gwalior ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) From New Delhi there are four superfast trains

for Bombay and two for Madras. Of these, one train to Madras runs only on 4 days a week, one train to Bombay runs 5 days a week and another on 2 days a week.

(b) Of the above, only Madras bound superfast trains pass via Gwalior. Tamilnadu Express which runs 4 days a week does not stop at Gwalior.

(c) Not at present.

(d) There is no such proposal at present.

(*English*)

Diesel engines for South Central Railway

1607. SHRI V. TULSI RAM : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal under the consideration of Government to introduce diesel traction on the South Central Railway, where it has not yet been introduced so far;

(b) if so, the chordspareas to be covered particularly in Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) if so, the time by which this system is expected to be introduced ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Practically all Mail Express trains and through Goods services on South Central Railway are either on Diesel or Electric traction. There is no immediate prospect of further large scale dieselisation of main line and branch line passenger services.

(b) and (c) Some passenger services in Vijaywada may be dieselised after the availability of new diesel locomotives.

External assistance for projects in Kerala

1608. SHRI T. BASHEER : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the State Government of Kerala has submitted some projects for