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Telephone facilities in Planes

1617. SHRI RADHAKANTA DIGAL: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether some countries have provided phone facilities in the planes ; and

(b) if so, whether efforts are proposed to be made to provide such facilities in planes in our country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is no proposal to provide such facilities at present.

Spread of Measles, Cholera and Small Pox in Capital

1618. PROF. NIRMALA KUMARI SHAKTAWAT : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that measles, cholera and small pox have struck a number of people in the Capital ;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof ; and

(c) what measures are taken to prevent these diseases ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a), (b) & (c) There is global eradication of small pox. Number of deaths reported due to measles during 1983, 1984 and 1985 (upto November, 1985) from Delhi is 54, 63 & 144 respectively.

Number of death reported due to cholera in 1984 & 1985 from Delhi is 3 and 9 respectively.

The incidence of measles and cholera is seasonal.

Central University at Barak Valley of Assam

1619. SHRI SUDARSAN DAS : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received representations for setting up of a Central University at Barak Valley (comprising Karimganj and Cachar District) of Assam;

(a) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) : (a) and (b) A large number of representations have been received from the residents of Cachar region demanding a Central University in the Barak Valley region on the plea that the region, which has a population of 25 lakhs, is quite distinct from the rest of Assam in respect of language, race, culture, ethnic origin, etc.

(c) The Central Government has announced the establishment of a Central University in Assam. Some preliminary discussions have been held to ascertain the State Government's views on the nature of the University, its location and the extent of facilities that can be provided. The State Government has appointed a Committee to recommend a site for the location of the University. The recommendations of the State Government are awaited.

Train Derailments

1620. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of cases of train derailments reported since January, 1985 ; and

(b) whether enquiries have been made into the cases in each case ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) During the period from January, 1985 to January 1986, 685 derailments occurred on Indian Railways.