

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND
TRANSPORT (SHRI BUTA SINGH):**

(a) Yes.

(b) The bridge is closed for safety of traffic on G.T. Road N.H. No. 1, as machinery is working on the approaches of the new bridge for the construction of Fee Collection Plaza.

(c) The bridge will be opened to traffic after construction of Fee Collection Plaza. The traffic is using the old bridge as before.

Increase in the Venereal Diseases

4664. SHRI CHINTAMAN JENA: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any increase in the incidence of venereal disease in the country;

(b) whether Government have taken care of the foreign tourists also in this regard and if so, whether their contribution has also helped to spread this disease in India; and

(c) if so, what steps Government have taken to check its spread?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF HEALTH (SHRI
NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR):** (a) Sexually Transmitted Diseases (previously called Venereal Diseases) are not notifiable diseases. Hence, adequate data regarding the incidence of these diseases is not available. However, reports received from the sexually transmitted diseases clinics established in the country show a rising trend in the incidence of these diseases.

(b) Foreign tourists suffering from sexually transmitted diseases mostly approach the private medical practitioners, who do not notify them to the State Governments or the Central Government. No specialised survey has been conducted to know the quantum of infection amongst the foreign tourists or their contribution

to the spread of these diseases in the country.

(c) Various steps taken by the Government to control this disease are given in the Annexure.

ANNEXURE

I. About 239 STD clinics have been established in the country for providing diagnostic and therapeutic services against this disease. Drugs are supplied free of cost by these clinics for the treatment of patients suffering from sexually transmitted diseases.

II. Regular training courses are held for the Medical Officers/Primary Health Centre doctors in the discipline of venereology at the Institute of Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Madras Medical College, Madras and the STD Training and Demonstration Centre, Safdarjang Hospital, New Delhi, to enable them to provide better patient care. The Government pays stipend to in-service Medical Officers undergoing such training so as to provide them incentive to avail of it.

III. The State Governments have been requested to subject all pregnant women for VDRL testing and if found to be reactive, to provide immediate anti-syphilitic treatment to them.

IV. Health education to the public with regard to sexually transmitted disease is being imparted through distribution of brochures, posters, etc.

**Jobs to the Children of Retiring
Railway Employees**

4665. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision was taken by Government to give jobs to the children of the Railway employees as soon as they retire; and

(b) whether in view of their sincerity and loyalty Government propose to help at least class IV employees at the time of their retirement by giving jobs to their sons at least in Class IV category?