

number of train accidents which occurred on the Indian Government Railways during the last 3 years, together with loss of human life and

with loss of human life and cost of damage to railway property involved therein, is as under:—

Year	No. of train accidents	No. of persons killed	Cost of damage to railway property
1977-78	866	303	Rs. 3,63,94,017
1978-79	931	172	Rs. 5,17,62,983
1979-80	900	282	Rs. 5,82,27,000

Bakhtiarpur-Rajgir line

6359. SHRI KUNWAR RAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the railway authorities have sanctioned survey of new railway line to link Bakhtiarpur-Rajgir line with Gaya; and

(b) if so, whether the railways will examine the proposal for linking the said line to Gaya via Nabada on Gaya-Kiul line?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes.

(b) No such proposal is presently under consideration.

Venereal diseases in tribal areas

6360. SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that venereal disease is rampant among some of the tribal areas of the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that because of lack of facilities for early detection and follow up medical at-

tention these diseases are continuing; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to identify these regions and to undertake a Central Scheme to deal with the problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) Separate data regarding the incidence of venereal diseases (now called sexually transmitted diseases) amongst the tribal areas of the country is not available.

(b) No. Up till now, 239 sexually transmitted diseases clinics have been established in the country at the district level where diagnostic and therapeutic services are adequately available. The State Governments have been requested to subject all pregnant women to serological screening for syphilis and if found to be reactive to be provided immediate anti-syphilitic treatment.

(c) The State Governments have been requested time and again to open more S.T.D. Clinics in the tribal areas. Some of the States have also been requested to conduct surveys in the tribal areas to find out the magnitude of sexually transmitted diseases amongst the tribal population.