

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) Yes.

(b) A statement containing the gist of recommendations and suggestions made by the study group in this regard is attached.

Statement

Gist of the recommendations and suggestions on Family Planning Policy contained in the Report of the Study Group set up jointly by the Indian Council of Medical Research and the Indian Council of Social Science Research (August, 1980).

Family Planning

There should be a National Population Commission set up by an Act of Parliament to formulate and implement an overall population policy. The objective should be to reduce the net reproduction rate from 1.67 to 1.00 and the birth rate from 33 to 21. This will imply effective protection of 60 per cent of eligible couples against 22 per cent at present. It will also imply a reduction in the average size of the family from 4.3 to 2.3 children, and the eventual stabilization of the total population at about 1200 million by 2050 A.D. The family planning programme must be fully rehabilitated at an early date and converted into people's movement closely linked to development. The emphasis should be on education and motivation, especially through interpersonal communication and group action. Incentives, especially those of a compensatory character, should be widely used. While work with women will continue through MCH services, intensive efforts should be made to work with men also. While the health services have a role to play in motivation also, their main responsibility is to supply the needed services and follow up care.

Passenger Halt between Bandpur and Kenduapada

3476. SHRI ARJUN SETHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether instructions have been issued to the General Manager, S. E. Railway to commission a passenger halt in between Bandpur and Kenduapada Railway stations by Khurda Road Division of S. E. Railway; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and reaction of Government thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes.

(b) A station at this site is being opened subject to the earthwork being done through Shramdan and levy of halt service charge at the rate of 5 paise per ticket. South Eastern Railway is taking further necessary action in the matter.

Promotional Prospect of Railway Doctors

3477. SHRI R. K. MHALGI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nearly 85 percent of the Railway Doctors retire in the same scale in which they had joined even after putting in 25 years' service; and

(b) If so, Government's reaction thereto and the steps being taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). No. Doctors have had benefits of higher pay scales on a number of occasions. 20-25 years back, doctors had joined service in Group 'C' in the grade of