

Development of Anti Leprosy Vaccine

409. SHRI NARAYAN CHOUBEY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Scientists of All India Institute of Medical Sciences have developed an anti-leprosy vaccine recently; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Jakhapura-Banspani Line

410. SHRI HARIHAR SOREN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the target date of completion of the construction of the first phase work of the Jakhapura-Banspani Railway line from Jakhapura to Daitari;

(b) whether the construction work has been completed by the time scheduled; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKKARJUN): (a) to (c). The target date for completing the construction of Jakhapura-Daitari BG line was 31st December, 1980. This date could not be adhered to due to the fact that all resources were diverted to tackle the heavy floods and restoring the disrupted communication link on the East Coast Railway System.

Phase I work was started in February 1977 and is expected to be completed by 31st March, 1981.

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Uneconomic Shipping Services

411. PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that while considering the losses on specific shipping lines in the public sector particularly those connecting the backward areas the overall profits of the Shipping Corporation of India not taken into account; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to change its perspective and desist from closing certain shipping services on the ground that they are not economically viable?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Container Oriented Cargo Lines

412. SHRI A. T. PATIL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the present capacity of Indian Shipyards to build container oriented cargo liners;

(b) the present requirement of Indian Shipping Companies in respect of such liners; and

(c) the plan of Government to become self-reliant in this field?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) The Hindustan Shipyard Ltd., Visakhapatnam is capable of building three container oriented cargo liners of 14,000 DWT to 27,000 DWT, carrying respectively 300 to 580 nos., 24 foot containers, per annum.

(b) and (c). No specific study in this regard has been made by Government.

Posts of Chairman, Major Port Trusts

413. SHRI D. S. A. SIVAPRAKASAM: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state.

(a) whether the posts of Chairmen, Major Port Trusts are tenure post;