

Mosquito and Cockroaches in the Houses of R. K. Puram and South Delhi

2686. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in South Delhi, more so in R. K. Puram, there is great mosquito menace and cockroaches infestation in the houses ;

(b) whether it is because of non-DDT spraying or adulteration in Fog spray or due to poor and dirty ecological, drainage system, insanitary conditions or improper flow in the sewerage, dry latrines or else what can be the reasons thereof ; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to combat this problem.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE. (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR : (a) and (b). There is no abnormal increase in mosquito density in South Delhi and R. K. Puram. There is no control programme for dealing with Cockroaches in houses.

(c) To combat mosquito problem effectively, the following measures are being taken :

- (i) Anti-larval measures : All the stagnant water collections, drains etc. are being sprayed with larvicides once a week.
- (ii) Dweeding & chanalisation of Nallas and drains once a week.
- (iii) Malathion fogging once a month.
- (iv) Focal spray in houses with pyrethrum.

Increase in Wagon Fleet

2687. SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV : Will the minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the railways have formulated plan to strengthen its wagon fleet to meet the Sixth-Plan projection of railway freight traffic of 309 million tonnes ;

(b) the present wagon producing capacity in the country ; and

(c) the amount allotted for manufacturing wagons ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) The Sixth Plan provides for acquisition of 1,00,000 wagons, of which 50,000 would be on replacement account and 50,000 on additional account. These additions to rolling stock would, however, be not adequate for a freight traffic of 309 million tonnes.

(b) The existing capacity in the country is adequate for production of 28,040 wagons in terms of 4-wheelers per annum.

(c) The Sixth Plan does not indicate specifically amount allotted for wagons separately. The Plan provides an allocation of Rs. 2,100 crores for rolling stock as a whole. It is expected that acquisition of 1,00,000 wagons as provided for in the Plan, would cost about Rs. 1,200 crores. In the current year's budget, the allotment for acquisition of wagons is Rs. 203 crores.

Overbridge Connecting Parel and Elphinston Road Stations (Bombay)

2688. SHRIMATI PRAMILA DANDAVATE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) how many people died while crossing the rail lines between Parel

and Elphinston Road Stations in Bombay during the past five years;

(b) what steps Railways have taken to avoid such accidents;

(c) whether Railways propose to take up the work of extending the existing over-head pedestrian bridge to join the two stations; and

(d) if so, how much time will it take to construct the extension of the said bridge ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS : (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) About 453 persons died during the last five years while crossing the railway lines between Parel and Elphinston Road Stations in Bombay.

(b) The following steps have been taken to avoid such accident:

(i) It is proposed to provide a foot over-bridge connecting Parel station with public roads on the east and west sides of this area.

(ii) Public is always warned not to cross railway lines. Warning boards are exhibited at Parel and Elphinston Road stations.

(c) The proposed foot over-bridge connecting east and west sides of Parel station will not connect Elphinston Road Station of Western Railway.

(d) The proposed foot over-bridge at Parel is expected to be completed by December, 1982.

Safeguarding Konark monument From frosion

2689. SHRI NIREN GHOSH : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the world famous Konark monument is suffering from various erosion;

(b) what steps have been taken to safeguard the monument against erosion; and

(c) whether there have been any complaints that sufficient chemicals are not being supplied to safeguard it against erosion ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL) : (a) to c). Erosion of the stones of the Sun temple at Konark by wind-blown sand and sea-salt has been greatly reduced by creating a barrier of high-growing trees on the sea-side and periodical chemical treatment. There is no short-supply of chemicals provided for the preservation of stones of this monument.

National Highway No. 4 near Hubli in Karnataka

2690. SHRI F. H. MOHSIN : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) what is the actual alignment of diversion of National Highway No. 4 near Hubli in Karnataka ;

(b) what is the total mileage of this diversion and what is the estimated cost ;

(c) when will this be constructed; and

(d) what are the reasons for delay ?