

**Rajasthan request for Cobalt Therapy plant in R.N.T. Medical College, Udaipur**

7387. SHRI BHEEKHABHAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Rajasthan has demanded the establishment of Cobalt Therapy plant in R.N.T. Medical College at Udaipur;

(b) if so, the progress made in this connection;

(c) whether Government of Rajasthan has made all preliminary arrangements for Housing plant ancillary arrangements thereto;

(d) whether it is a fact that standing committee of Cobalt Therapy has given preliminary clearance thereto; and

(e) by what time the final decision to establish and sanction Cobalt Therapy plant will be taken?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI KUMUDBEN M. JOSHI):**

(a) to (e), Central assistance to the tune of Rs. 10.00 lakhs has already been sanctioned to the Government of Rajasthan for the installation of a Cobalt Therapy Unit with rotational head and collimation facilities at the P.N.T. Medical College, Udaipur.

**Agreement for cooking food in Super fast trains**

7388. SHRI A. NEELALOHITHAD-ASAN NADAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the reason for not making arrangements for cooking the food in the Kitchen car of the train itself for the use of passengers at least in Super fast trains, like K.K. Express;

(b) whether it is a fact that the canteen contractors are making enormous profit after giving quantitatively less and qualitatively poor food to passengers travelling in the trains; and

(c) if so, what action Government propose to take in this regard?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN):** (a) In the past, when cooking used to be done in the cramped space inside conventional Dining Cars, side by side with arrangements for washing of used utensils, stacking of soft coke, food ingredients including vegetables etc., maintenance of satisfactory hygienic conditions in the preparation of meals was not always found feasible. To ensure preparation of meals in hygienic conditions and under the close supervision of senior catering officials, a system of ready-to-serve meals has been introduced, whereby meals cooked in the modernised base kitchens at convenient static catering establishments enroute are picked up, put into hot cases provided in the pantry cars on the trains and served to passengers at meal time. This is an improvement over the erstwhile Dining Car system which is being replaced gradually by pantry car service. K.K. Express trains are provided with such pantry car service.

(b) and (c). Quantities of different items of meals have been standardised and tariff fixed after proper costing. To ensure service of meals as per standardised quantity and quality, frequent inspections and surprise checks are carried out by the officers and senior supervisors of commercial and Medical departments and lapses detected are promptly and suitably taken up.

**Trivandrum-Kanyakumari track**

7389. SHRI A. NEELALOHITHAD-ASAN NADAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) when the Trivandrum-Kanyakumari Railway line was opened for passenger traffic;

(b) how many times thereafter interruption, land slips and rail accidents took place on this line and the reasons thereof; and