

Deaths and Hospitalisation during Family Welfare Sterilization Drive

5315. SHRI SHEO SHARAN VERMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the news item "Sterilisation drive leaves 2 dead" appearing in the *Indian Express* dated 1 March, 1982 bringing out stepping up of sterilisation drive;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) how many persons died/hospitalised in the family welfare sterilisation drive during the post-operative period of 10 days in the country from 1 January, 1982;

(d) whether the tests required to be carried out before operation were conducted; and

(e) whether the compensation paid to the families was at par with the one decided by the Government earlier ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI KUMDBEN M. JOSHI): (a) and (b). Yes. These deaths occurred inspite of adequate care.

(c) and (d). According to reports received so far from various States and Union Territories twelve persons died in the post operative period of ten days after sterilization operation since 1st January, 1982. All such cases are duly investigated. Adequate pre and post operative check up is done in all cases.

(e) Yes.

Steam Coal Shortage for Punjab Industries

5316. SHRI R. N. RAKESH :
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to serious

shortages of steam coal and hard coke to the industries in Punjab due to shortage of supply of railway wagons;

(b) whether he is aware that during 1981 only 15 per cent of the coal/coke allotted to Punjab was transported by the railways, seriously affecting the Industrial output; and

(c) what remedial action has been taken/proposed in the matter to reduce hardship ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) and (b). There is no shortage of railway wagons. The availability of steam coal and hard coke is not enough to meet the full requirements of all industrial units in the country, due to which shortage is experienced in all States including Punjab. At present, the industrial units in Punjab consuming steam coal and hard coke are being given about 25 per cent of their programme.

(c) Railways will move more steam coal and hard coke to Punjab and other States when the availability of these at rail-heads improves. Close co-ordination is being maintained with the Department of Coal about this.

Discontinuation of Multi-Colour Advertisements Displayed on DTC Buses

5317. SHRI N.E. HORO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the buses plying in the capital displaying advertisement in multi-colours which attract the attention of people; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to discontinue this practice as it invites the attention of people on the road and may cause accidents also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) (a) Yes, Sir.