

population projections only upto 2016 A.D. based on the 1991 census population presuming current trend for rate of growth of population. According to this, the group has projected the population of India at 126.4 crores in 2016 A.D.

(c) The Family Welfare Programme has contributed to significant reductions in birth rate in many states. The effort in the IXth Plan will be for making significant impact in States/Districts which are lagging behind. The Health Care system in States is being substantially strengthened for infrastructure and working systems. Also the practice of setting contraceptive targets from above, which was responsible for many distortions has been replaced last year by a system of decentralised planning at Primary Health Centre level involving local community prominently.

Major Ports on Western Coast

*39. SHRI ANNASAHIB M.K. PATIL : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have plans to expand/upgrade/modernise major ports on Western Coast;

(b) if so, the details thereof, project-wise;

(c) the details of the progress achieved on ongoing projects in Maharashtra; and

(d) the details of new proposals recently cleared/under active consideration of the Government for ports in Western Coast and the present status thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following major projects have been proposed for inclusion in 9th Plan (1997-2002) at various major ports on Western Coast :

Kandla

1. Multipurpose berth and development of infrastructure facilities at Vadinar
2. Replacement M.D. Kutch Vallabh
3. Construction of 11th and 12th Cargo Berth
4. Development of Container Handling Facilities
5. Construction of Grain Jetty
6. Additional Cargo Berth

Mumbai

7. Replacement of Submarine Pipe-lines and Modernisation of jetties 1,2, & 3 Jawahar Dweep
8. Acquisition and Development of land at Wadala.
9. Construction of 2nd Liquid Chemical/Specialised Grades of POL Berth off New Pir Pau Pier
10. Replacement of Wharf Cranes in Indira & Victoria Dock

Jawaharlal Nehru

11. Additional Port crafts (3 tugs and 2 pilot launches)

Mormugao

12. Replacement of Wharf Cranes
13. Acquisition of Container Handling Equipment
14. Modification to existing Ore Handling Plant

New Mangalore

15. Infrastructure for Container Handling
16. Port Facilities for MRPL Expansion

Cochin

17. Deepening of Channel upto 12.8 meters draft
18. Replacement of Mattanchery Bridge (1/3rd Cost Port's share)

(c) The progress on major projects of Mumbai Port is as under :—

(Rs. in crores)			
Name of the Project	Estimated Cost	Actual Expr. upto Dec. 96	Actual/Anticipated date of Completion
Construction of an Oil Berth at Pir Pau	110.89	82.15	January, 1997 (Commissioned)
Replacement of Grab Dredger Vikas	30.00	3.43	March, 1997
Installation of Vessel Traffic Management System	32.96	2.39	March, 1997
Replacement of Submarine pipelines	165.15	50.00	December, 1999

(d) Recently, a proposal to construct a Two-berth Container Terminal through private sector at Jawaharlal Nehru Port has been approved. Modernisation of Marine Oil Terminal at Mumbai Port through plan programme and construction of a Marine Chemical Terminal and B&C Grade Chemical Terminal at Jawaharlal Nehru Port through private sector are under process.

Illness Assistance Fund

*40. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :