

(b) and (c). Yes. Sir. The following points have been submitted for consideration :

(i) Consideration of the West Coast Canal stretches from Kollam to Kovalam and Kottapuram to Kasergode for declaration as National Waterway.

(ii) To ensure utilisation of full funds provided in the 8th Five Year Plan for development of West Coast Canal.

(iii) Release of Central assistance with regard to ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme for modernisation of jetties in Kerala.

[Translation]

Viral Fever

2952. SHRI O.P. JINDAL : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Mystery fever engulfs Hissar" appearing in the 'Hindustan Times' dated August 2, 1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Central Government propose to send a Central team to the affected areas of Hissar (Haryana) and also provide other health services there; and

(d) the details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken to find out the reasons and check the diseases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). Two Central teams from National Institute of Communicable Diseases, Delhi have already visited the affected areas of Hissar (Haryana), based on Epidemiological, Entomological and Clinical observations, it appears to be Dengue outbreak.

The team collected clinical samples which are under laboratory analysis. The results of these samples are awaited. The team advised Insecticidal spray, Surveillance and Health Education in the affected areas for checking further spread of the disease.

[English]

Central University

2953. SHRI SHIVANAND H. KOUJALGI :

SHRI PUNNU LAL MOHLE :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government propose to open

any Central University in the country particularly in Bilaspur district of Madhya Pradesh and at Belgaum in Karnataka:

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The National Policy on Education - 1986, with modifications undertaken in 1992, states that, in view of the need to effect an all-round improvement in the institutions, it is proposed that, in the near future, the main emphasis will be on the consolidation of and expansion of facilities in the existing institutions.

Air Bases Prone to Accidents

2954. SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appeared in the 'Nav Bharat Times' dated June 29, 1996 under caption 'Viman Durghatnayen Rokne Ke Upayon per Amal Nahin';

(b) if so, the total number of Air bases which have been identified as more prone to air-accidents due to birds flying around them and other factors;

(c) the total number of accidents and the total loss suffered from such accidents due to birds flying near air-bases during last three years; and

(d) the steps Government have taken so far or propose to take in the near future to avoid such accidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) to (c). 10 IAF airfields have been identified as "High Risk Bird areas" by the Inter Ministerial Joint Sub Committee. During the last three financial years, 9 serious aircraft accidents have taken place due to bird strike. However, the cost of damage due to bird hits vary depending upon the type of aircraft lost or repaired/overhauled.

(d) Steps have been taken by the Ministries of Agriculture, Urban Affairs and Employment and the concerned State Governments for modernisation of slaughter houses/carcass utilisation centres and for sanitisation of areas around bird prone airfields to reduce bird activities.

By-Pass on N.H. No. 37

2955. SHRI UDDHAB BARMAN : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the by-pass of National Highway

No. 37 through Gauhati University has been approved;

(b) if so, the present status of the scheme; and

(c) the time by which the scheme is going to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[Translation]

Admission to Foreign Students in Colleges of Delhi University

2956. SHRI GANGA CHARAN RAJPUT : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether complaints of violating prescribed guidelines for admission to foreign students in different colleges of Delhi University have come to the notice of the Government;

(b) if so, the names of the foreign students, college-wise who have been given admission in violation of guidelines; and

(c) the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Training to Doctors on AIDS

2957. SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY :
KUMARI UMA BHARATI :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to provide training to doctors on AIDS;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard; and

(d) the number of doctors to be imparted training under the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. A module on Clinical Management has been developed in order to impart uniform training to the doctors on AIDS. The trainers have been trained by the Professors and Sr. Consultants from the major hospitals of the country.

(c) and (d). It has already been decided to train all doctors to improve their skills for management of AIDS cases. As of to-day, 11000 doctors have been trained. In the next phase, remaining doctors including General Practitioner and Private practitioners will be trained.

[English]

Subsidy for New Vessels

2958. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Inland Waterways Authority of India gives subsidy on acquisition of new vessels;

(b) whether any amount has been paid to Kerala Shipping and Inland Navigation Corporation for last three years on account of it; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) During the last three years, an amount of Rs. 8,64,013/- was paid to Kerala Shipping and Inland Navigation Corporation towards subsidy.

(c) The subsidy claims of Kerala Shipping and Inland Navigation Corporation in respect of two vessels were not submitted in the manner prescribed. Hence payment could not be made.

[Translation]

World Bank Assistance for N.H. Projects

2959. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether several National Highway projects in the country for which financial assistance has been received from the World Bank are still under construction, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the total amount sanctioned by the World Bank for the construction of these projects, project-wise;

(c) the details of estimated cost of construction of each of these projects;

(d) whether several projects among them are running behind the schedule; and

(e) if so, the names thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) to (e). presently one loan amounting to US\$ 306 million is under implementation with the financial assistance from World Bank. The details are given in Statement enclosed.