

seller is required to sell methyl Alcohol only to the known and identified purchasers and also to keep records of such sale.

[*Translation*]

**Direct Train between Dehradun and Allahabad**

4265. SHRI CHINMAYANAND SWAMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any scheme to introduce a direct train between Dehradun and Allahabad;

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be introduced; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) to (c). 4113/4114 Link Express running in conjunction with 4163/4164 Sangam Express provides a direct service between Dehradun and Allahabad. Introduction of a new train between Dehradun and Allahabad is presently not feasible due to operational and resource constraints.

[*English*]

**Birth Rate**

4266. SHRI P.M. SAYEED: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new pilot project has been drawn up to bring down the birth rate;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the mode of financing this project; and

(d) the time by which the action plan is likely to be finalised and the work started thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (d). For the involvement of the community under Family Welfare Programme, a new pilot project called, "Link Women Scheme" is proposed to be introduced in 445 districts of the country having the crude birth rate of 39 per thousand population or above during the current year. The remaining districts in that category are proposed to be covered during 1992 and 1993. The World Health Organisation (WHO) have indicated their willingness to provide Rs. 26 lakhs for this pilot scheme during the current year. Some other external funding agencies including WHO are also being approached for providing assistance for the scheme in future. The basic concept is that the link women volunteer would provide the linkage between female health worker and the village community in the matter of provision of family planning and maternal and child health care (MCH) services imparting basic education in these matters, building inter-personal communication, linkage for attitudinal changes and supplying MCH drugs and contraceptives.

To revamp the National Family Welfare Programme, a draft Action Plan has been prepared in consultation with proprietaries incharge of Family Welfare of States/UTs. A main feature of this Action Plan is to prepare differential strategies for reduction in birth rate in 90 low performing districts in the country having crude birth rate of 39 per thousand and above. The draft Action Plan would be finalised in further consultation with the State Government, UTs Administration and concerned departments of Government of India for implementation and it is expected that the implementation of the Action Plan