

Kozhikode Station

3332. SHRI K. MURALEE DHARAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of works to be undertaken for expansion of Kozhikode Station; and

(b) the funds sanctioned for this purpose during 1992-93?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN) : (a) Works of provision of second class waiting hall and carriage watering arrangement at estimated cost of Rs. 9.73 lakh and Rs. 10.40 lakh respectively are proposed to be taken up during 1992-93 at Kozhikode railway station.

(b) Rs. 5.00 lakh.

Baby-friendly Hospitals to promote breast feeding

3333. SHRI RAM NAIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that World Health organisation and the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund have initiated the concept of baby-friendly hospitals to promote breast feeding;

(b) whether the breast feeding has declined in urban areas of the country and the advertisements for promoting bottle-feeding have increased;

(c) whether a Committee or study group to study the new concept with a view to introduction of the same in the country has been constituted; and

(d) if not, whether such a Committee or study-group is likely to be constituted in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A study conducted by Indian Council of Medical Research revealed that upto 97% mothers were breast feeding their babies at six weeks.

(c) and (d). Indian Medical Association, a voluntary organisation of medical practitioners, have organised a meeting of various experts on 27th March, 1992, to discuss the possible criteria and guidelines for recognition/registration of hospitals as baby-friendly.

[*Translation*]

Clearance to Okleshwar Project

3334. SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal or environmental clearance for Okleshwar Project of Madhya Pradesh is under consideration of the Government since last one and a half year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by which the project is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Proposal for Okleshwar Project of Madhya Pradesh has not so far

been referred for environmental clearance.

[English]

Session of Indian History Congress

3335. SHRIMATI DIL KUMARI BHANDARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether 52nd Session of the Indian History Congress was held at New Delhi recently;

(b) if so, the States and Union Territories represented in that Congress;

(c) whether some controversy over issue of membership of Congress had taken place;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the objectives of holding such Congress;

(f) whether Government proposes to resolve the issue of membership of Indian History Congress;

(g) if so, the details thereof; and

(h) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (h). According to information furnished by Indian History Congress, in pursuance of its objective of promoting and encouraging the scientific study of Indian History, the Congress held at 52nd Session in Delhi from 21-23rd February, 1992. It was attended by over 1700 delegates drawn from different parts of the Country and a few from abroad. All the States and Union Territories were represented at the Congress.

Government is aware of newspaper reports on the proceedings of the Session. However, the Indian History Congress is a voluntary organisation of historians which manages its own affairs.

[Translation]

Reply to letters from M.P.s

3336. SHRI RAM SAGAR:
SHRI ARJUN SINGH
YADAV:
SHRI RAJNATH
SONKAR SHASTRI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of letters received by his Ministry from the members of Parliament during August-December 1991;

(b) the number of letters out of these acknowledged and replied; and

(c) the reasons for not considering the remaining letters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) 7,935.

(b) 4,686.

(c) All letters addressed to the Ministers of Railways are considered and replies issued, if called for, on receipt of information as necessary from the Zonal Railways and other field units.

[English]

Popularising of Condoms

3337. SHRI NARAIN SINGH CHAUDHURY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state: