

### **Proliferation of Sex Determination Clinics**

1340. SHRI SANATKUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been increase in sex determination clinics only to cater to the need for selective abortion of female foetuses in urban and rural areas;

(b) whether this practice is ultimately likely to affect the gender ratio over the years, with the female population dwindling steadily,

(c) whether Government propose to bring forth concurrent legislation regulating 'amniocentesis'; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NILAMANI ROURTRAY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A legislation on the subject is under consideration.

(d) Does not arise.

### **E.S.I. Hospitals at Rourkela**

1341. SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had agreed to a proposal to construct a ESI hospital at Rourkela in Orissa;

(b) if so, the reasons for not constructing the hospital there so far; and

(c) the steps contemplated by Govern-

ment to expedite the setting up of the hospital?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). A Sub-Committee of the ESI Corporation had visited Orissa in February, 1989 and observed that the existing ESI dispensary in Rourkela and the ESI Hospital in the vicinity of Rourkela were under staffed and under-equipped. They had, therefore, recommended that the question of constructing a new hospital at Rourkela may be considered only after the State Government makes necessary improvements in the existing ESI dispensary/hospital. The recommendations of the Committee has been brought to the notice of the State Government for appropriate action. The question of construction of ESI hospital at Rourkela may, therefore, be considered, after the State Government makes necessary improvements in the existing ESI dispensary/hospital.

### **Damage to the Adjoining Areas of Jamania Chakka Ghat and Gehmer due to Ganga-erosion**

1342. SHRI JAGDISH SINGH KUSHWAHA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether considerable damage has been caused to the adjoining areas of Jamania Chakka Ghat and Gehmer on account of erosion by Ganga river; and

(b) if so, the immediate steps proposed to be taken by Government to check this erosion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) and (b). No proposal for this reach has been received by