Essential Drugs under Price Control

*69. SHRI SHIKIHO SEMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of drugs out of the current list of essential drugs prepared by WHO under price control in the country;

(b) whether the Government are contemplating to bring rest of the essential drugs from the above list under price control;

(c) if so, when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINISTER OF PARLIA-MENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) Out of WHO list of 266 bulk drugs 88 bulk drugs are under price control under 1987 at present.

(b) to (d). The criteria for bringing the drugs under price control is not inclusion/ exclusion in the WHO list, which is only a model list, but it depends upon the exclusion principles evolved by the Kelkar Committee.

Satna-Rewa Raliway Line

[Translation]

*70. SHRI YAMUNA PRASAD SHASTRI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount spent so far on the construction of rail line from Satna to Rewa on Central Railway;

(b) whether the construction work of the railway bridge being built on Tamas river in Madhavgarh, between Satna and Rewa on this line, has been completed; (c) if not, when it is likely to be completed; and

(d) the time by which construction work of this rail line would be completed and become operational?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS): (a) Rs. 19.18 crores have been spent so far on the project.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) It is likely to be completed by June, 1991.

(d) The project is likely to be completed by 31.3.1992.

[English]

Additional Trains on Bangalore-Trivandrum Section

*71. SHRI JOSS FERNANDEZ: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of trains running every day between Bangalore and Trivandrum;

(b) whether the existing train services on Bangalore-Trivandrum route are inadequate keeping in view the heavy rush of pilgrims to Sabarimala;

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to start additional trains on this route to cope with the rush of pilgrims; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS): (a) One pair of trains. In addition, there is a weekly service that serves these two stations.