

come to the notice of the Ministry. The Ministry of Welfare is administering a scheme for the welfare of destitute children.

(c) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

New Railway Lines in 7th Plan

*260. SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state : (a) the provision made for laying new railway lines in the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) the programme included in the said plan for laying new railway lines in desert areas; and

(c) whether a proposal for construction of a new broad gauge line from Bikaner to Kandla has been included in the Seventh Five Year Plan in view of the fact that this is a backward desert area and has been linked or is going to be linked with Indira Canal and is rich in minerals, gas and oil potential?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : (a) Rs. 350 crores, including the amounts for on-going new line works in Progress.

(b) No new lines specifically for desert areas have been identified in the Seventh Plan document. However, there are a number of new lines/gauge conversion projects in progress in Rajasthan.

(c) No, Sir.

Vans purchased for "Rural Health Service/Care"

*261 SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state : (a) how many mobile vans were purchased in Delhi during the period from 1977 to 1980 in the name of 'Rural Health Service/Care';

(b) how many of them were used and how many are lying idle after being rendered useless;

(c) whether as per the news-item appearing in 'Jansatta' dated 12th October, 1985 under the caption 'Jang Lagne Ke Intzar Me'n Swastha Seva Vahan' (Vans of Health Service waiting for being rusted) three vans are rusting in the lawns of University College of Medical Sciences, Safdarjung Hospital; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI MOH-SINA KIDWAI) : (a) to (d) Out of the 318 Mobile Clinics received under the U.K. Aid Programme, 3 Mobile Clinics each were allotted to Maulana Azad Medical College, Lady Hardinge Medical Colleg, University College of Medical Sciences and the All India Institute of Medical Sciences. The use of these Mobile Clinics varies from institution to institution depending upon a number of factors including availability of supplementary resources. The Mobile Clinics are also used for other National Health Programmes, wherever possible. Government monitors the utilisation of these clinics from time to time with a view to optimise their utilisation.

[*English*]

Compulsory Family Planning

*262. SHRI P. KOLANDAIVELU : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that population growth is alarming in India;

(b) whether Government are satisfied with the voluntary family planning programme; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to introduce compulsory family planning?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI MOH-SINA KIDWAI) : (a) to (c) The current population growth rate in the country is considered high. Plans have been drawn up to bring about a fast decline in the birth