

(d) the total expenditure incurred by Government on the project so far as against the latest estimated expenditure ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD) : (a) The foundation stone of the Rail Coach Factory, Kapurthala was laid on 17th August, 1985.

(b) Production was planned to commence at the end of March, 1988.

(c) and (d). The work is in full swing. The sanctioned cost of the project is Rs. 310.99 crores and Rs. 109.00 crores approximately have been spent so far. There is no delay and production is expected to commence in March, 1988.

Kala-Azar Eradication Programme

*239. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether 'Kala azar' has reached epidemic proportion in some parts of the country, particularly in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar;

(b) if so, the number of cases reported during 1987, State-wise;

(c) whether Government have launched any special programme for the eradication of 'Kala-azar';

(d) if so, the particulars of the programme and the districts covered; and

(e) whether any international assistance is available or has been promised for this programme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) : (a) to (e). A Statement is given below.

Statement

The Government are aware of the incidence of Kala-azar in the country. As

per the information received from the affected States, the number of cases of Kala-azar during 1987 is as under :

Name of State	No. of cases 1987 (Prov.)
Bihar	17,471
West Bengal	3,400
Uttar Pradesh	51
Tamil Nadu	1*
Delhi	1*

*Imported from Bihar.

The Central Council for Health and Family Welfare in its meeting held in February, 1988 has recommended an integral Vector Control Plan for Malaria, Kala-azar and Japanese Encephalitis.

At present, DDT spray is being carried out in the Kala-azar endemic areas from the insecticides supplied under National Malaria Eradication Programme (Rural).

No international assistance is available for control of Kala-azar.

Building of Aircraft Carrier in Cochin Shipyard

*240. PROF. K.V. THOMAS :
SHRI H.N. NANJE GODWA ;

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the third aircraft carrier for the Navy will be built in Cochin Shipyard;

(b) if so, when it is likely to be started; and

(c) the total amount involved in building this aircraft carrier and when it will be ready ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJEH PILOT) : (a) No decision