1	2	3
4	Gujarat	20 3
5	Haryana	18 8
6	Karnataka	20 1
7	Kerala	19 1
8	Madhya Pradesh	22 9
9	Maharashtra	19 8
10	Orissa	22 6
11	Punjab	18 6
12	Rajasthan	30 1
13	Tamil Nadu	19 6
14	Uttar Pradesh	32 2
15	West Bengal	21 0

STATEMENT-II

Categorisation of various States/UTs by the years targetted to achieve Net Reproduction Rate (NRR) of unity

Group-A (1991-92)	Group-B (1996-97)	Group-C (2001-02)	
Andhra Pradesh.	Assam, Karnataka,	Bihar, J&K,	
Gujarat, Haryana,	Madhya Pradesh,	Rajasthan, Uttar	
Himachal Pradesh,	Orissa West Bengal	Pradesh, Manipur,	
Kerala, Maharashtra,	A&N Islands, D&N Haveli,	Meghalaya, Nagaland,	
Punjab, Tamil Nadu,	Goa, Daman & Diu	Sikkim, Tripura,	
Chandigarh, Delhi	and Mizoram	Arunachal Pradesh	
and Pondicherry	•	and Lakshadweep	

[Translation]

Computerisation of reservations

*359 SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether any time-bound scheme has been formulated by Government for pro-

viding computerised facilities for reservation at all the important railway stations of each Zonal Railway in the coming years, and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAD-HAVRAO SCINDIA) (a) No, Sir (b) Does not arise. However, reservation services have already been computerised in Delhi. Work has also been started in Calcutta and Bombay. Computerisation of reservation services at Madras, Bangalore, Secunderabad, Ahmedabad, Bhopal and Lucknow, has also been taken on hand.

[English]

increase in number of leprosy patients

*360 GHRI N. DENNIS: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the increase in the number of leprosy patients in towns and cities due to their inflow from different parts of the country; and

(b) the remedial steps taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHA-PARDE) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Services under the National Leprosy Eradication Programme are extended to endemic towns through the Urban Leprosy Centres. Other health institutions and private medical practitioners are also involved in case detection and treatment activities in urban areas.

Blood scarcity in Blook Bank of Red Cross Society

*361. SHRI DHARAM PAL SINGH MALIK' SHRI MANIK REDDY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAM-ILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the report appearing in the Times of India dated 22nd July, 1987 which states that the Indian Red Cross Society Blood Bank is facing acute shortage of blood; (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the remedial steps being taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHA-PARDE): (a) to (c). A statement is given below.

STATEMENT

Government has seen the report appearing in the "Times of India" dated 22-7-87. The information available indicates that although the Indian Red Cross Society runs blood banks in many parts of the country, the employees of the Indian Red Cross Society Blood Bank, New Delhi were on mass leave for 17th and 18th July, 1987 and were on strike from 19th to 26th July, 1987

To avoid inconvenience of the public, the government prepared a contingency plan to meet the situation arising from shortage of blood in government hospitals. The following specific instructions were issued by the government in this regard to government hospitals:

- (a) All Hospitals to undertake emergency operations only, in order to provide required quantity of blood to serious patients;
- (b) All the patients requiring blood, who were accompanied by their relatives must donate blood;
- (c) Necessary instructions be transmitted to the personnel working in the blood bank to provide support to donor organisers of Indian Red Cross Society in blood collection activities

Study on lung functions at high altitude

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

(a) whether a team of specialists from the Vallabhbhai Patel Chest Institute, University of Delhi visited Ladakh in Sep-