The Natural Growth Rates generally remain higher due to steeper decline in the death rates relative to that in Birth rates.

The reasons for low performance in Family Planning are mainly inadequate reach, under utilisation of services and inadequate staffing of infrastructure.

To control the population of the country we have a well defined strategy which is constantly reviewed. This strategy emphasises on optimal use of infrastructure created; involvement of voluntary organisations; improving quality of services; enhancing child survival; strengthening of information, education and communication; promotion of temporary contraceptive methods etc.

Additional IA Flights between Delbi-Hyderabad

*181. SHRI E. AYYUPU REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been any waiting list on Delhi-Hyderabad sector of Indian Airlines;

(b) whether complaints has been received from Non-resident Indians and other foreigners arriving at Delhi for not getting seats on the connecting Indian Airlines services to Hyderabad and Madras for morning and and evening flights; and

(c) if so, whether there is any proposal to introduce additional services between Delhi and Hyderabad ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM: (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Although no such complaints have come to notice, due to severe capacity constraints, Indian Airlines at present, is not in a position to introduce additional services between Delhi and Hyderabad.

Production of Sugar

1661. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) the production of sugar during the current year;

(b) the gap between the demand and supply; and

(c) the steps taken to meet the demand?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) The production of sugar during the current season 1987-88 was 86.96 lakh tonnes upto 15th July, 1988.

(b) and (c). With the increased level of domestic sugar production during the current season together with the carry over stocks at the beginning of the season, there would be adequate availability of sugar to meet the domestic requirement of the country.

[Translation]

Deaths due to Mine accidents

1662. SHRI KAMLA PRASAD RAWAT: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the number of workers killed during 1988 in mine accidents, State-wise;

(b) whether any assistance has been given by Government to the dependents to the deceased;

(c) if so, the detail of the amount given to them; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI BINDESHWARI DUBEY): (a) The information regarding State-wise number of workers killed during 1988 (upto 29th July, 1988) in mine accidents is given in the statement below.