

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTILAL VORA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

New Item Captioned India's Population growth Exceed? Chinas

*866. SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHANAN : DR. B.L. SHAILESH :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the news item appearing in the "Patriot" dated 4 April, 1988 under the caption "India's population growth exceeds China's";

(b) if so, the anticipated population projections for the year 2050 as per per cent growth;

(c) whether any additional steps have been taken recently to check the population growth; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefore ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY AND WELFARE AND MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTILAL VORA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per present growth rate, on purely arithmetical calculations, the population in 2050 may be 293 crores. However keeping in view the trend in reduction in growth rate during 1981-86, the population in 2050 can be estimated to be around 160 crores.

(a) and (b) To effectively check the population growth, main emphasis in the National Family Welfare Programme at present are ; ensure optimal use of infrastructure created; involvement of voluntary organisations; improving quality of services to the maximum extent possible; enhancing the child survival; strengthening information education and effective communication;

promotion of temporary contraceptive methods.

Seminar of National Society on Tobacco and Health

*867. SHRI H.N. NANJE GOWDA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a Seminar of National Society on Tobacco and Health was held in February, 1988 in New Delhi at which harmful effects of consumption of tobacco were stressed;

(b) the other important points discussed at the Seminar; and

(c) the steps suggested at the Seminar to discourage consumption of tobacco ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA) : (a) The Government is aware of the Seminar organised by National Society on Tobacco and Health held on 20th February, 1988 at India International Centre, New Delhi.

(b) The increase in the incidence of smoking and its morbidity and mortality pattern and the social and economic costs of smoking to the country.

(c) Their important suggestions relate to ban on advertisements on cigarettes and other related products, banning of smoking at public places and educating the public on health hazards of smoking.

Safeguards Regarding Traditional Rights of Local Communities Provided in New Forest Policy

*868. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the proposed New Environment and Forest Policy would take into account the traditional rights of the local communities without imposing any rigid state control;

(b) if so, the safeguards built in the policy to enshrine and to protect these rights and also to ensure equity and social justice; and

(c) if not, the reasons for not providing these safeguards in the proposed new policy ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI) : (a) and (b). The revised National Forest Policy has not yet been finalised. It will take into account the bona-fide requirements of local communities, including those acquired through rights.

(c) Does not arise

Rail Yatri Niwas in Delhi and Hyderabad

*869. SHRI V. TULSIRAM : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a yatri niwas has been constructed near the New Delhi Railway Station;

(b) if so, the total expenditure incurred so far and its capacity;

(c) whether there is a proposal to construct a similar yatri niwas at Hyderabad; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Approximately Rs. 279 lakhs have been spent on the construction and it has a capacity of 224 beds.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Decision regarding setting up of Rail Yatri Niwas at other stations would depend upon the experience gained from the pilot projects at New Delhi and Howrah and availability of resources.

New Technique to clean Taj

*870. SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the new technique developed to clean Taj will take care of the pollution created by Mathura Refinery; and

(b) whether such techniques are also used and available in countries such as Italy ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI) : (a) No, Sir. The technique that has been developed is to help remove the accretions on the surface of marble and other stones.

(b) Similar techniques with variations are in use in countries such as Italy.

Direct Air Service from Baroda to Southern and Eastern India

*871. SHRI RANJIT SINGH GAEKWAD : Will the Minister of Civil Aviation be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Indian Airlines flights operating from Baroda to industrial cities in Southern and Eastern India;

(b) whether there is any proposal to provide direct air link from Baroda to the cities like Madras, Mangalore and Calcutta;

(c) if so, the details thereof, and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTILAL VORA) : (a) to (c). At present, Indian Airlines is not operating any service from Baroda (Vadodara) to Southern and Eastern