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				Government on 5.2.88. Reply is awaited.
11.	Construction of Intake well from Pump House at Mylamoodu.	Quilon	3.0	Essential details sought from State Government on 30.10.87. Reply is awaited.

Assessment of Population Projections

*153. SHRI BRAJA MOHAN MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the population projections on which long term perspective in the Seventh Plan was based need to be reassessed;

(b) whether the population control target as envisaged in the Seventh Plan would be achieved and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are considering any policy changes in areas of population control; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE):

(a) It may be too early to say whether a reassessment of population projections is necessary since the latest estimates of vital rates which are available from SRS relate only to the year 1986, and information on vital rates for the years 1987 to 1990 is not available.

(b) Assuming that the pace of family planning achievements recorded in the previous previous three years (1984-87), is

maintained for the remaining period of Seventh Plan, a couple protection rate of 42 per cent as envisaged for the VII Five Year Plan is likely to be achieved.

(c) and (d). The main thrusts of population policy like the programme being voluntary as a people's movement, integration of F.P. with MCH, provision of adequate infrastructure, payment of compensation and incentives, free supply of contraceptives etc. continue unchanged.

Introduction of more Long Distance Trains to Kerala

*154. SHRI K. KUNJAMBU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether rail facilities in Kerala have been increased during the last three years;

(b) the number of additional passengers being carried annually as a result of the increase in number of trains as well as carrying capacity as compared to the period prior to the last three years;

(c) whether there is any proposal to increase the number of long-distance trains to Kerala from different regions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) to (d). Rail facilities in Kerala have been substantially increased in

recent years. Details of long distance trains to Kerala introduced during the last three years are as under :

<i>S. No.</i>	<i>Train Description</i>	<i>Date of introduction</i>
(i)	929/930 Cochin-Hyderabad Weekly Express	April, 1987
(ii)	935/936 Cochin-Bombay Bi-Weekly Express	-do-
(iii)	937/938 Cochin-Ahmedabad Weekly Express	-do-
(iv)	939/940 Cochin-Guwahati Weekly Express	-do-
(v)	951/952 Cochin-Howrah Weekly Express	October, 1987
(vi)	955/956 Cochin-Bilaspur Bi-Weekly Express	-do-
(vii)	957/958 Bombay-Mangalore Bi-Weekly Express	-do-

Besides the above, frequency of 125/126 Trivandrum-New Delhi Kerala Express has been increased from bi-weekly to daily from 1.10.1987. Kerala has now been directly linked with Delhi and the State Capitals of Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Orissa, West Bengal and Assam. The frequency of Bombay-Mangalore Express is further proposed to be increased from bi-weekly to tri-weekly from May, 1988.

(b) Individual train-wise statistics of passengers carried is not maintained. It is, however, estimated that the above trains would serve an additional 35000 upper class and 4,00,000 second class passengers to and from Kerala per year.

Revitalisation of Family Planning Programmes

*155. DR. G.S. RAJHANS:
SHRI H.N. NANJE GOWDA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY

WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Family Planning Programmes are lagging behind considerably;

(b) if so, whether Government have called for a reappraisal of the current strategy and revitalisation of the whole programme;

(c) the details of the schemes Government have considered to start to impose family planning programme on the people effectively; and

(d) by what time the Government will be able to control birth rate in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b). Although reduction in birth rate over the years has fallen short of the Plan targets, the Programme has made an impact on the total fertility which has declined from 6.4 in 1972 to 4.5 in 1984. Birth rate has also declined from 41.2 in 1961-71 to 32.4 in