

मरते हैं उनके लिए भी इम्म्यूनाइजेशन का प्रोग्राम है, पोष्टिक आहार का प्रोग्राम है...

श्री रामविलास पासवान : क्या मन्त्री महोदया को मालूम है कि सारे प्राइमरी सेन्टर्स में सब में दाईयां हैं ?

श्रीमती मोहसिना किदवई : प्राइमरी सेन्टर्स में डाक्टर हैं...

श्री रामविलास पासवान : जब दाई नहीं होगी तो डाक्टर क्या करेगा ?

श्रीमती मोहसिना किदवई : दाई है, डाक्टर है, मिड-वाइफ है। एक गांव में एक दाई है...

श्री रामविलास पासवान : नहीं है।...
...(व्यवधान)...

श्रीमती मोहसिना किदवई : चार लाख ट्रेन्ड दाईयां हैं। आप के गांव में नहीं हो तो बताइएगा, उसके लिए कोशिश की जायगी।... (व्यवधान)...

अध्यक्ष महोदय : यह स्टेट सबजेक्ट है। स्टेट की देखभाल इसके लिए होती है।

श्रीमती मोहसिना किदवई : आप सही फरमा रहे हैं, दाई और हेल्थ गाइड का जहाँ तक ताल्लुक है यह स्टेट गवर्नमेंट देखती है।

श्री रामविलास पासवान : यह आप के 20 प्वाइंट प्रोग्राम का पार्ट है।

श्रीमती मोहसिना किदवई : स्टेट गवर्नमेंट इसे देख रही है और हम भी इसके लिए कोशिश कर रहे हैं।

SHRI AMAL DATTA : It has been claimed that the target which was set at 12 million has been achieved in two successive years. I think, the number of women who need coverage in this fashion through iron tablets and other nutritional food should be around 25 million

in India. Why has the target been set at 12 million which is what the hon. Minister has stated? Number two, what is the total amount being spent in this fashion so that we can have an understanding of what is the concern of the Government in this regard?

SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI : The budget estimates for the scheme against nutritional anaemia for mothers and children in 1983-84 were Rs. 199.10 lakhs and the revised estimates Rs. 149.37 lakhs. In 1984-85 it is about Rs. 220 lakhs.

Metro Railway and Electric Trains in Madras

*268. SHRI ERA ANBARASU : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the steps being taken to implement the metro railway project in Madras after its inauguration ;

(b) when the proposed Madras Port to Luz electric train project will be taken up for implementation; and

(c) the steps being taken to run additional electric trains from Madras Beach to Tambaram on account of increasing traffic ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHOU-DHURY) : (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

(a) Detailed designing, soil exploration work along the alignment, acquisition of land and preliminary works have been taken in hand for Madras Beach—Luz Rapid Transit System.

(b) The completion date of the Madras Beach—Luz Project would depend upon annual availability of funds.

(c) At present 260 EMU trains and one conventional fast train are being run as against 256 train run in 1982. This has eased the overcrowding. For lack of

resources it is not possible to run additional EMU trains on this section.

SHRI ERA ANBARASU : When the commuter traffic in Madras has increased from 60 million to 200 million per year from 1965 to 1983, the motor coaches remained stagnant at 45. No additional motor coaches are manufactured in the ICF. Every day there are accidents due to falling out or due to overcrowding. The electrical equipments required for the coaches are neither imported nor indigenously manufactured from 1970.

The hon. Minister also visited Tamil Nadu, especially from Madras to Tambaram in the year 1983 and I learn that he has also instructed increasing the number of trains to cater to the needs of commuters, but so far nothing has been done. What is actually required is only about 25 motor coaches. Therefore, I would like to ask the hon. Minister whether he will take immediate decision either for the manufacture of 25 motor coaches indigenously or by importing it.

SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY : There is no doubt that there is shortage of EMU metre gauge motor coaches and we are trying to increase the production of such coaches in the ICF, Madras and also we are looking into the possibility of import of necessary electrical components.

SHRI ERA ANBARASU : Again I want to ask the hon. Minister. Maraimalai Adigal Nagar which is in the Chingleput parliamentary constituency is a satellite town, fast improving and the suburban traffic is also becoming more congested and heavy. This place is not yet connected by electric trains from Tambaram to Maraimalai Adigal Nagar and there is no proposal also evolved to cater to the needs of the commuters of this section. Therefore, I would like to ask the hon. Minister whether there is any proposal to connect the satellite town from Tambaram and Madras. And is there any other proposal to run additional trains which, instead of starting from Singaperumal Koil, can be started from Chingleput and run via this Maraimalai Adigal Nagar ?

I would like to have a categorical reply from the hon. Minister.

SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY : I do not have the figures but I would like to inform the hon. Member that in the Madras Beach-Tambaram section at present 14 trains are reaching Madras Beach between 9 and 10 hours. 260 EMU trains and one conventional fast train are also on the run in this section. But, even then, as I have said, there is a shortage of coaches and overcrowding is there and that is why we are trying to manufacture the electrical equipments.

These trains are very old types. You do not get them in any other country, except probably in Japan. We are thinking also if possible to import from Japan, because it is metre gauge and they are very old types.

About extension, the information is not available with me whether we are going to have extension or not.

SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY : Some-time back a question was asked whether a train was hijacked. Likewise, here the main question has been hijacked. The question is whether Madras city is more congested and the electric train traffic is not catering to the needs of the commuters. There were two proposals. One is the Metro Rail and another is the circular railway connecting Madras Fort station with Luz Corner, whether this proposal has already been inaugurated by the hon. Minister also and whether they have taken up these two projects or only one project, if so how much money is estimated and how much money is allocated in this budget for this project.

This I would like to know from the hon. Minister.

SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY : We have allocated a very small amount of money because there are lots of preliminary works to be done firstly, such as detailed designing soil exploration, acquisition of land etc., etc. Suppose if I give more money to this work, nothing will be achieved.

If all these so-called preliminary works are done, then, we will definitely give more money. But, I am told by experts that these preliminary works will take full one year. So, it is no use giving money now. But, I can assure the hon. Member that the money will not be a question on this.

V.O.A. Transmitting Centre in Sri Lanka

*269. SHRI BRAJAMOHAN MOHANTY : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the Voice of America building up a powerful transmitting Centre in Sri Lanka and if so, the details thereof ;

(b) whether it contravenes the basic perception of non-aligned movement to build up a new information order ;

(c) whether Government of India have drawn the attention of the Government of Sri Lanka in this regard ; and

(d) what is the reaction of the non-aligned countries including India in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO) : (a) The Government of Sri Lanka concluded an agreement on 9th December, 1983 permitting the Voice of America to establish a transmission station in Sri Lanka. The station will have six powerful transmitters—four of 500 kw and two of 250 kw. With this power, broadcasts can be beamed to the whole of Asia. The site of the Voice of America station has, however, still to be decided.

(b) to (d). On a smaller scale these facilities have existed since the early Nineteen Fifties. Sri Lanka is a non-aligned country and the Govt. of Sri Lanka are no doubt aware of the support of the NAM to the new International Information and Communication Order. Govt. of India have been in touch with them.

SHRI BRAJAMOHAN MOHANTY : Sir, so far as his answers to part (b), (c)

and (d) are concerned, I am afraid, the hon. Minister is afraid to face the facts.

As a matter of fact, the Government of India's attitude has not been categorically stated in the answer. That is my point number one. My second point is this. What is the attitude of the NAM Movement ? This is not reflected in the answer. As such, I would like to know from him whether there has been any collective attempt to express the views of the NAM Movement and to impress upon the Government of Sri Lanka as to what should be the attitude of the NAM Movement regarding this installation. Another aspect of my question is the new U.S.'s strategy. On the one hand, they are trying to withdraw the order on the ground that the UNESCO is pursuing this perception in the matter of information and communication order and, on the other hand, the installation of a powerful set in Sri Lanka—the entire area of the Asian continent is dominated by the Voice of America—would go against the very cult of peace and non-alignment for which the NAM stands. In this background, I would like to know from the hon. Minister what is his explanation that before fifties or so, small installations were there although the perception of independent communications order was not there.

In the background of this new perspective order adopted by the NAM Movement, what should be their reaction of the Government of India and what should be the reaction of the NAM Movement as such for such an installation which ultimately defeats very much this new concept of the independent information and communication order ?

SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO : Sir, the question asked for a certain information. I have given that information. Whether it contravenes the basic perception of NAM to build up a new information order, to this question I have said that even before the Non-alignment Movement came into existence, this facility was in existence in Sri Lanka. Now, the Sri Lankan Government, with whom we have been in touch, have told us that what is now being sought to be