

that I am standing. It is true that this is the goose which lays the golden eggs for the South Eastern Railway? If so, this is the line which is most essential for traffic goods. Given that situation and with the rising of the traffic, let alone internal passengers, after the completion of the survey as you are promising, will you immediately start the work or not?

SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Decision will be taken after the survey is completed.

Community Involvement in National Health Policy Implementation

*395 **SHRI BHADRESWAR TANTI :** Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) how active community involvement in implementation of National Health Policy is being actually achieved;

(b) whether any measures have been taken by Government to involve non-Government agencies in a massive health education effort; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) For the effective implementation of the National Health Programmes enunciated under the National Health Policy, active community involvement is obtained through :

(i) Leaders Organisation Training Programme;

(ii) Mobilising community for the acceptance of services provided to them;

(iii) Involvement of voluntary organisations like Mahila Mandal, Youth Clubs, Welfare Associations, etc. and

(iv) Other Governmental and Non-Governmental and Cultural Associations.

(b) and (c). Voluntary Organisations have been involved in health education

efforts. The Ministry have been conducting workshops of various Non-Governmental agencies to seek their active involvement in health education efforts. It may be mentioned that a National Workshop on 'Role of Voluntary Organisations in Health Care Delivery' was held at New Delhi on January 4-5, 1988.

SHRI BHADRESWAR TANTI : Sir, I am very grateful for the answer given by the hon. Minister. In my first supplementary question, may I ask the hon. Minister to tell as to in which States are these organisations involved, the names of the organisations in the respective States in the country, and also how many organisations are there?

KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE : Sir, I do not have the exact number of organisations in the country, but I would like to request the hon. Member to any time come and see my Minister and myself. We will definitely give him the Statewise data so that he can get the answer to his supplementary question.

SHRI BHADRESWAR TANTI : Sir, my second supplementary question will be about the quality of the functioning of the Ministry so far as the health education of the people in the country is concerned. The family welfare programme is a programme of the World Health Organisation and the Government of India is also involved in it. So, the Government of India and the respective State are involved in it. Last year, twenty lakh immunisation cards were printed for the State of Assam. I have a sample of the card here. These cards were printed both in Assamese and in English. The language printed in the card is neither Assamese nor Bengali. Nobody understands it I will place this card on the Table.

MR. SPEAKER : Hybrid variety.

SHRI BHADRESWAR TANTI : Nobody understands the language of the card. I would draw the attention of the hon. Minister to look into the matter as to why these twenty lakh cards were printed in an un-known language and for what designs. I want to know why the money has been drained out unnecessarily. Not a single rural woman—illiterate and even literate

also—will understand the language of the card. I had written to the Minister also but even after a lapse of five months, I have not received any letter from him. This is the *modus operandi* of the functioning of the Government so far as Health Department is concerned. So, may I know what action has been taken or is proposed to be taken by the Ministry so far as these immunisation cards are concerned . . . (*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER : It is all right now.

SHRI BHADRESWAR TANTI : and also so far as the loss of money which has been involved in the printing of these cards is concerned ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA) : Sir, we have to achieve 'Health for all by 200 A.D.' and accordingly we are working. As far as this card is concerned, the hon. Member had referred this matter to me and he wanted to discuss with me. I shall be very much thankful to him if he spares some time today, tomorrow or on any day. I will discuss with him in about this card which has been printed in unknown language, as he says. . . (*Interruptions*). So, I will be happy if the hon. Member takes the pain to meet me, or I can meet him. That will solve the . . . (*Interruptions*).

SHRI BHADRESWAR TANTI : I seek your protection, Sir. This is the highest forum of the country . . . (*Interruptions*).

SHRI MOTI LAL VORA : I am prepared to meet him at any time. Secondly, this immunisation programme in this country is working very good and as far as Assam and other States are concerned, we have get the figures. So, there is nothing to worry because we are taking all rdequate steps for immunisation and that will be done as per the targets which have been fixed.

MR. SPEAKER : Will you please let me know the result of the parleys on the hybrid variety of language in which the card had been printed ?

SHRI MOTI LAL VORA : This hybrid quality of card has been shown to me three months before.

SHRI BHADRESWAR TANTI : I would request the hon. Minister to enquire into this matter.

SHRI MOTI LAL VORA : We will enquire into this matter.

SHRI RAM SINGH YADAV : Mr. Speaker, Sir, the hon. Minister has assured the House that the health for all will be met adequately by the end of 2000 A.D. It is also the National Health Policy. In this context, I would like to mention that the Circular which has been issued provides a health guide in the rural areas. His qualification is that he must not be a matriculate. His academic qualification should be less than matriculate and there is no prescription for training or medical or para-medical training for him. I would like to now whether the Minister is satisfied with that Circular and whether that Health Guide will provide adequate medical facilities and medical assistance to the persons living in the villages and whether he is satisfied with the working of those people in the field. I would also like to know whether he is prepared to modify his Circular and provide well-trained/medical and para-medical men to the people in the rural areas.

SHRI MOTI LAL VORA : The Circular which has been mentioned by the hon. Member has been definitely looked into when it was issued. But if there is any modification required, we will definitely look into it.

[*Translation*]

Minimum Wages for Workers in Bauxite Fireclay and Chinaclay Mines

*396. SHRI SHIV PRASAD SAHU : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have finalised the proposal to increase the minimum wages of workers engaged in the bauxite, fireclay and chinaclay mines in view of the constant increase in the cost of living; and

(b) if so, the time by which the necessary increase in the minimum wages will be made ?