

(a) whether the Government propose to conduct compulsory medical checkup of the persons suffering from AIDS and T.B. in the country; and

(b) if so, the time by which the Government propose to enact law in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

#### Health Care Scheme

469. SHRI N.J. RATHVA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether some schemes of Public Health Department of Gujarat, are pending before Union Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY) : (a) to (c): A revised proposal for the development of intermediate level hospitals in Gujarat State with the assistance of Government of Netherlands for Rs. 175.00 crore is being processed for clearance. The same has been forwarded to the Department of Economic Affairs for passing it to the concerned authorities.

#### Regularisation of Pharmacist

470. SHRIMATI BHAVNA CHIKHLIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the services of temporary pharmacists working for a long period in the Divisional Hospitals of Western Railway especially in Gujarat have not been regularised till date;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Pharmacists were awarded Group Cash Award for distinguished service and have also passed 'In Service Training for Pharmacists' Special Course;

(d) if so, the time by which these Pharmacists are likely to be regularised; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI) : (a) to (e). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

#### Late running of Trains

471. SHRI JITENDRA NATH DAS : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether trains from North-Eastern Zone are running late quite often;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI) : (a) and (b). The running of trains does get affected at times due to reasons such as accidents, agitations, equipment failures, alarm chain pulling, miscreant activities etc.

(c) Intensive chasing and daily monitoring at different levels including holding of daily punctuality meetings both at Divisional and Headquarter's level and Foot-Plating Inspection by Senior Officers of different Departments are undertaken regularly. In addition, punctuality drives both at Inspectorial and Officer's level are also launched and lacunae in the system whenever detected are dealt with.

#### Train from Howrah

472. SHRI PURNA CHANDRA MALIK : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that due to non-availability of an Express train from Howrah to Tarapith Road, Eastern Railway people as well as the tourists are facing difficulties;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to introduce an Express train in the morning from Howrah and back in the evening; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?