

(a) whether it as a fact that Government had formulated a scheme to lay a new line from Jaya Nagar to Sitamarhi;

(b) if so, the time by which this line is proposed to be laid; and

(c) if not, the time by which Government will take necessary steps to formulate such a scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA)
(a) No, Sir.

(b) There is no proposal for construction of a new line from Jaya Nagar to Sitamarhi, at present.

(c) There is no proposal to formulate proposals either in view of the severe constraint of resources and heavy commitments already in hand.

[*English*]

Food Assistance to Private Institutions

1430. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA : Will the Minister of SOCIAL AND WOMEN'S WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether food assistance has been given to private educational and social welfare institutions in India during 1982, 1983 and 1984; if so, the details of assistance given to each State under the programme; and

(b) the details of assistance given to Orissa during the said period and how it was utilised ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL AND WOMEN'S WELFARE (SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR): (a) and (b). Supplementary nutrition programmes are in the State sector of the Plan. The Ministry of Social and Women's Welfare implements non-plan nutrition programme for pre-school children (3-5 years) through Balwadis/Day Care Centres. This programme is implemented through five national level voluntary organisations. This programme, however, is not one of food

assistance to private educational and social welfare institutions.

External food assistance for nutrition programmes is received from CARE (Co-operative for American Relief Everywhere) and CRS (Catholic Relief Services). CARE food commodities are given to States and not to private institutions. CRS distributes the food through private institutions for programmes of mother and child health, nurseries/creches, school feeding, other child feeding, individual health cases and food for work. Food assistance from CRS to Orissa for 1982, 1983 and 1984 was as follows :

1982 (actuals)	5 Consignees	4420 M.T.
1983 (actuals)	—do—	3488 M.T.
1984 (estimate)	—do—	1789 M.T.

Non-Availability of Drugs to Cure Meningitis

1431. SHRI K. KUNJAMBU : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the preventive drugs for 'meningitis' are not available in the country;

(b) whether such drugs are available in western country;

(c) if so, whether any effort has been made to import these drugs; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) to (c). Preventive drugs for meningitis are available in the country. However, 1,00,000 doses of meningococcal vaccine (A+C) have been imported through W.H.O. and additional quantity of 5,00,000 doses are under supply.

(d) Does not arise.