

(a) whether there is a long standing demand of the Railway Users of Kurla-Bangalore-Kurla Section for a stoppage at certain important commercial stations of the Central Railway;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken to meet the demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI) : (a) and (b) Demands have been received to provide stoppage of 1013/1014 Kurla-Bangalore Express at Dundhani station.

(c) Stoppage of 1013/1014 Kurla-Bangalore Express at Dudhani has been provided w.e.f. 2.12.95.

Teesta-Torsha Express

1678. SHRI JITENDRA NATH DAS : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Teesta-Torsha Express between Haldibari and Sealdah is running abnormally irregular;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI) : (a) to (c) After the provision of an additional rake from July '95, the punctuality of 3141/3142 Teesta-Torsha Express has improved considerably. The train had poor punctuality during September '95 and October '95 due to flooding and breaches in Malda Division. The punctuality performance of the train is being constantly monitored and efforts are being made to bring about a perceptible improvement in its performance.

Vegetable Waste Based Power Plants

1679. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL :

SHRI RAMPAL SINGH :

SHRI BRIJBHUSHAN SHARAN SINGH :

SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether India's first plant to generate power from exclusively vegetable waste is planned to be set up at Madras with UNDP aid;

(b) if so, the details of the project, indicating its

capacity and cost, etc. ;

(c) whether similar vegetable waste based power plants are proposed to be set up in other parts of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (PROF. P.J. KURIEN) : (a) and (b) Three projects are to set up on Vegetable Wastes under UNDP/GEF assisted project in a phased manner. Madras is one of the probable sites. Technology, site and cost details are in the process of finalisation.

(c) and (d) A National Pilot Programme on Energy Recovery from Urban Municipal and Industrial wastes, offering fiscal and financial incentives, has been launched recently. The scheme also includes projects on Energy recovery from Vegetable Wastes. However, to such proposal has been received so far.

Aids Control

1680. SHRI HARADHAN ROY :

SHRIMATI GIRIJA DEVI :

PROF. K.V. THOMAS :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of AIDS and HIV positive cases detected in the country during each of the last three years, state-wise; and

(b) the progress made under the AIDS Control Programme so far?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY) : (a) A statement is attached.

(b) Mass awareness is sought to be generated among the public especially high risk behaviour groups through all sources of media including press, radio and television. 715 Public Sector Blood Banks are being modernised and 504 STD Clinics are being strengthened by providing cash as well as commodity grants. Orders have been placed for purchase of equipment for setting up 31 blood component separation facilities in the country. A number of training modules have been developed. Core trainers have been trained who are taking up further training at district and Primary Health Centre level.

STATEMENT

S.No.	States/UTs	*Upto December, 1993		*Upto December, 1994		*Upto November, 1995	
		HIV Positive	AIDS Cases	HIV Positive	AIDS Cases	HIV Positive	AIDS Cases
1.	Andhra Pradesh	143	1	143	1	214	3
2.	Assam	5	1	6	2	134	10
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	-	-	-	-	-	-
4.	A & N Islands	-	-	-	-	82	-
5.	Bihar	3	-	3	-	3	1
6.	Chandigarh	165	47	165	47	177	100