

**Increase of oral cancer due to chewing of Pan Paan Masala**

4659. PROF. NIRMALA KUMARI SHAKTAWAT :

SHRI PRABHU LAL RAWAT :

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

(a) whether incidence of oral cancer is on the increase due to chewing of Paan Masala;

(b) whether Cancer Doctors' Association has recommended that a warning should be inscribed on tins of Paan Masalas like the one inscribed on cigarette packets; and

(c) if so, action taken by Government thereon ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) There is no evidence as yet available that oral cancer is on the increase due to chewing of paan masala.

(b) and (c) No such recommendation has been received in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

[*Translation*]

**Linking Jhunjbunu with Vayudoot**

4660. SHRI MOHD. AYUB KHAN : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether district Jhunjhunu of Rajasthan is a place full of pride and importance; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to link Jhunjhunu through Vayudoot service by providing halt at Jhunjhunu during flights from Jaipur to Bikaner and Jaipur to Delhi especially because throughout the year, pilgrims come here to visit the religious places like temple of Rani, Sati, Khatu Shyamji and Salasar Hanumanji ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION

(SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

[*English*]

**Manufacturing or import of prototype narrow gauge diesel locomotives**

4661. SHRI RADHAKANTA DIGAL : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have a proposal to introduce a new prototype of narrow gauge diesel locomotive;

(b) if so, whether such locos are proposed to be imported or built indigenously; and

(c) what are the different types of narrow gauge locos presently manufactured by Indian Railways ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir. Prototypes of this locomotive, designated NDM5 of 450 HP, suitable for operation on Narrow Gauge sections which do not permit an axle load of more than 6.0 tonnes, are proposed to be introduced.

(b) These locomotives will be built in Chittaranjan Locomotive Works.

(c) ZDM4A type locomotives of 700 HP, with 9.25 tonnes axle load, are presently manufactured.

[*Translation*]

**Criteria for teachers' qualification for pre-primary education**

4662. SHRI M.L. JHIKRAM : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have laid down any criteria in regard to qualification of teachers for pre-primary education; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?