

(a) whether infant and child mortality are coming in the way of accepting small family norms; and

(b) is so, the detailed analysis of the situation ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) and (b) It is generally recognised that among other things the acceptance of small family norm is also closely associated with the levels of infant and child mortality. It is in recognition of this fact that mother and child health care has been made an integral part of the Family Welfare Programme. Government has launched a number of initiatives aimed at improving the chances of child survival including the universal immunisation programme.

Prepaid Taxi Service at Delhi Airport

2716. SHRI ANANTA PRASAD SETHI : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a prepaid taxi service scheme has been introduced at Delhi Airport; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) and (b) According to Delhi Administration, the residential localities in Delhi have been classified into six zones according to different average distances and the fares have been drawn up on the basis of average distances, in terms of the rates approved by the State Transport Authority, Delhi for taxi cab in general i.e. Rs. 2.60 for the initial one km. and Rs. 2.00 for every subsequent kms.

2. The average distances in six zones vary from 8 to 40 kms. and correspondingly the fares fixed range from Rs. 16.60 to Rs. 80.60 p.

3. A passenger from Delhi Airport will pay the fixed fare in advance. Thereafter he would proceed to his destination by

taxi and after satisfactory conclusion of the journey issue an appropriate voucher to the taxi operator. The fare would be reimbursed to the operator only on his return to the Airport, by the Pre-paid Taxi-service Unit.

Translation of Bhagwad Gita

2717. SHRI CHITTA MAHATA : Will the Minister of HUMAM RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Bhagwad-gita has been translated into the various languages; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the names of the languages ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Due to its pre-eminent scriptural status combined with its universal appeal as the work *par excellence* in philosophy and theology, the Bhagavad Gita has inspired innumerable translations virtually in all the major languages of India and elsewhere over the centuries. Most of the serious works on the Bhagavad Gita carry representative bibliographies of reference material on the scripture.

[Translation]

Provision of Eatables at Cheap Rates in Trains and at Stations

2718. DR. C.S. VERMA : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to make eatables available to passengers in trains and at railway stations at cheap rates;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the reasons for difference in sale prices of soft drinks such as Limca, Campa