

Irrigation schemes have been referred for environmental clearance. These proposals were referred for diversion of forest land but could not be considered due to incomplete information submitted.

[*English*]

Introduction of a Train Linking Dwaraka and Jagannathpuri

1566. SHRI HAROOBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a train linking Dwaraka with Jagannathpuri; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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

(b) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Incidence of Heart Disease

1567. SHRI SARFARAZ AHMAD:
SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR:

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

(a) the approximate number of heart patients below and above forty years of age in the country; the percentage of women patients out of them;

(b) what is the percentage as compared to that of western countries; and

(c) the main causes of heart diseases; whether adulteration in food items is also one of the main cause?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

Talcher-Sambalpur Rail Line

1568. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the progress made in the construction of Talcher-Sambalpur railway line in Orissa is not satisfactory;

(b) if so, the reasons of the slow progress in the construction of that line; and

(c) the details of steps taken by Government to expedite the construction work of this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). Construction is being progressed consistent with the availability of resources. Within the limited resources priority has been accorded to construction of Talcher-Angul section.

Proposal for a Fourlane National Highway Between Delhi and Kanpur

1569. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from a private organisation for putting up a fourlane National Highway between Delhi and Kanpur;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c). Recently there has been an offer from an Industrialist for upgradation to four lane of G.T. road from Delhi to Kanpur. However, no detailed and concrete proposals have been received.

[*Translation*]

Operation of Deluxe Buses by DTC

1570. SHRI JAGDISH AWASTHI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the D.T.C. earns some special profit on plying deluxe buses;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to withdraw all the deluxe buses and start ordinary buses in lieu thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b). DTC charges a flat fare of Rs. 2 journeys in its Deluxe buses, while the fare ranges from Rs. 0.50 to Rs. 1.50 in ordinary buses depending upon the distance travelled.

(c) and (d). The need for having Deluxe buses in D.T.C. is reviewed from time to time keeping in view the demand for such buses from commuters.

[*English*]

Stainless Steel Bodies for Buses

1571. SHRI P.M. SAYEED: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct stainless steel bodies for the buses;

(b) whether some State Road Transport Corporations have used the steel sheets produced by the Steel Authority of India, Salem for fabrication of bus bodies; and

(c) if so, the details thereof indicating the advantages of using stainless steel over ordinary steel including price?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) According to information furnished by the Central Institute of Road Transport, Pune, Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation, Pallavan Transport Corporation, Anna Transport Corporation and Orissa State Road Transport Corporation have plans to build stainless steel bodies on buses on an experimental basis.

(b) Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation has built one prototype bus body with stainless steel from Salem Steel Plant and put it in operation on 11-2-88.

(c) The principal advantages of stainless steel bus bodies are:-

- i) higher strength to weight ratio compared to aluminium and mild steel;
- ii) reduction in overall tare (unladen) weight;
- iii) better fuel efficiency;
- iv) enhanced life due to high corrosion resistance; and
- v) welded construction avoiding body ratting.