

Medicines especially sharing of important and sensitive information on AIDS etc.;

(b) if so, whether the United States propose to provide help to curb such disastrous diseases; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c). The Government of India and United States have agreed to the continued health research and effective disease surveillance to provide essential information on how diseases are transmitted, their distribution in populations, and their prevention. Important areas of cooperation to be continued and enhanced include those of medical aid for infectious and parasitic diseases, cancer, AIDS etc.

Air-Conditioned Coaches on Metre-Gauge Lines in Ratlam

3575. SHRI H.N. NANJE GOWDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce air-conditioned coaches on metre-gauge lines in Ratlam;

(b) if so, by what time it will be possible to start the same; and

(c) the amount allocated for this purpose?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) There is a proposal to provide an air-conditioned sleeper coach on 69/70 Secunderabad-Ajmer Express.

(b) As soon as sufficient A.C. coaches become available from the production units.

(c) There is no separate allocation of expenditure for the manufacture of coaches route wise.

[*Translation*]

Appointment by Muzaffarpur Railway Recruitment Board

3576. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR:
DR. C.P.THAKUR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether written examination and interviews were held in the year 1980-81 for some categories of posts by the Muzaffarpur Railway Recruitment Board;

(b) whether appointment of the candidates declared successful has not been made so far; and

(c) the reasons for delay in making appointment of these candidates?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 968 candidates were appointed. However, complaints of irregularities in selection were received and disputing candidates have been claiming appointment.

(c) As many irregularities were alleged, protracted investigation had to be instituted.

[*English*]

Cancer Detection

3577. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL
Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Cancer Society is launching a major awareness and screening campaign in Delhi for early cancer detection;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Society will extend its operation to other places in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and