भस्पतालों में भिशु एकक खोले गए हैं। बाकी के जिला मुख्यालय अस्पतालों में भी शिशु एककों को खोलने के लिये प्रयत्न किये जा रहे हैं। भविष्य में तात्लुक। उप-प्रभागीय शहरों के अस्पतालों में शिशु वाडों को खोलने का भी प्रस्ताव है। बच्चों के लिये अलग से अस्पताल खोलना कोई व्यायहारिक प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

Demands for Port and Dock Workers

3473. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR YADAV:

SHRI P. M. SAYEED:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

- (a) what are the reaction of the Government on the demands of the Port and Dock Workers; and
- (b) whether the Government is ready to accept the said demands; if not, reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI VEEREN-DRA PATIL): (a) and (b). It is presumed that information is sought with reference to the demands of the port and dock workers relating to revision of their wages. Negotiations were held by Government with the 4 Major Federations of Port and Dock Workers on 12 and 13 November, 1980 and were resumed from 26-11-1980. As a result of these negotiations, an understanding was reached on 28-11-1980 on certain major issues relating to wage revision Further negotiations are being held with the Federations to settle remaining issues relating to revision of wages.

E.N.U. Coaches available on Southern Railway

3474. DR. A. KALANIDHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of EMU coaches available on the Southern

Railway, M.G. Suburban System (Beach—Thambaram):

- (b) the actual stock that are effectively put on use and the number that are not fit to run on services; and
- (c) when it is proposed to augment the services with the increased holdings at least to maintain the present services?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The present holding of EMU coaches on metre gauge suburban system of Southern Railway is 173.

- (b) For running the scheduled metre gauge EMU train services, 140 coaches are kept for service. The remaining coaches are kept as maintenance spares. There are no coaches which are not fit to run.
- (c) The present services are being regularly maintained by the available coaches on the Southern Railway.

Setting up of a National Population Commission

3475. SHRI K. MALLANNA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FA-MILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that setting up of a National Population Commission by an Act of Parliament to formulate and implement an overall population policy has been recommended by a study group set up jointly by the Indian Council of Medical Research and Indian Council of Social Science Research; and
- (b) if so, the recommendations and suggestions which have been made particularly on the policy of Family Planning?