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(b) if so, whether Central Government have taken any immediate steps to save the wild animals and with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) and (b) The Gujarat Government has taken several measures to ensure availability of drinking water on a regular basis to the wild animals in Gir forests. Govt. of India has also released central assistance of Rs. 40.00 lakhs under the centrally sponsored scheme, Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries during the current financial year to augment the resources of the state Government to tackle the drought situation. As reported by the state Government no wild animal has died due to the water scarcity caused by the drought.

Rail Track Between Ahmedabad and Mumbai

***494. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the former Minister of XII Lok Sabha had visited Gujarat and had assured that a third rail track between Ahmedabad and Mumbai on the basis of the heavy traffic there would be laid;

(b) if so, whether the survey was conducted; and

(c) if not, by when the survey would take place and on which date survey report would be sent?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) No, Sir. However, an announcement was made that Final Location Survey would be started.

(b) and (c) Based on Preliminary Engineering-cum-Traffic Survey done, it has been decided to take up the work in a phased manner and in first phase, 3rd line between Surat and Kosamba has been included in the Budget 2000-01. Final Location Survey for this stretch is now being taken up.

Poor Status of Primary Education in Orissa

***495. SHRI GANDHI AZAD:** Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the status or infrastructure of primary education is very poor in Orissa;

(b) whether it is also a fact that drop-out rate is above 70 percent and it is more than 90 percent among tribal girl children; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) The State of Orissa is below the national average in several indicators related to primary education, such as literacy rate, drop-out rate, availability of pucca school buildings, drinking water/toilet facilities, etc. The overall drop-out rate at the primary level is 46.01% (1998-99) and it was 74.14% (1990-91) amongst tribal girls and not 70% and 90% respectively as stated in the Question. The status/infrastructure of primary education in Orissa in terms of major indicators, as compared to national averages, is as follows:—

| | Orissa | All India |
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| (I) Literacy rates (1997 - 53rd Round of NSSO basis) | 51.00 | 62.00 |
| (II) Percentage of children attending schools | | |
| (i) 6-10 age | 63 | 69 |
| (ii) 11-13 age | 66 | 72 |
| (52nd Round of NSSO, 1995-96) | | |
| (III) Drop-out rates (class I-V) 1998-99 Provisional | 46.01 | 39.74 |
| (IV) Percentage of Habitations covered by Primary Schools at a distance upto 1 Km. (6th All India Educational Survey, 1993) | 82.42 | 83.36 |
| (V) Building Infrastructure (6th All India Educational Survey, 1993) | | |
| (i) Percentage of Primary Schools with Pucca Buildings | 58.92 | 65.06 |
| (ii) Percentage of Schools in Open Space | 2.73 | 3.84 |
| (iii) Percentage of Schools having partly Pucca/Kuchcha Buildings and located in Tents etc. | 38.35 | 31.10 |
| (iv) Percentage of total schools having drinking water in rural areas | 32.10 | 47.98 |
| (v) Percentage of total schools having Urinal in rural areas | 15.21 | 24.13 |
| (vi) Percentage of total schools having separate Urinal for girls in rural areas | 8.95 | 13.77 |

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| (vii) Percentage of total schools having Lavatory in rural areas | 7.35 | 12.76 |
| (viii) Percentage of total schools having separate Lavatory for girls in rural areas | 2.97 | 6.43 |
| (VI) Teacher Pupil Ratio | | |
| (i) In Primary Schools (1997-98) | 35 | 42 |
| (ii) Percentage of Single Teacher Primary Schools (6th All India Educational Survey, 1993) | 16.99 | 20.12 |

Non-availability of Medicines in CGHS

***496. SHRI ABANI ROY:** Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that CGHS beneficiaries in the Capital are opting for private treatment due to non-availability of medicines in most of them, as reported in the Statesman dated 9th April, 2000;

(b) if so, whether the CGHS beneficiaries are normally not getting the medicines and substitute of medicines recommended by the specialists are given;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to overhaul the entire system of purchase of medicines by GMCD, through local purchase, etc.; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) The questions do not arise.

Approval of Kalka-Parwanoo B.G. Line

***497. SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kalka-Parwanoo Broad Gauge line Project included in Supplementary Budget for 1997-98 has since been approved by the Planning Commission;