

meningitis. The number of deaths are as under:—

State	No. of deaths
Orissa	344 (upto 2-4-1989)
Bihar	263 (upto 28-4-1989)
Madhya Pradesh	158 (upto 3-4-1989)
Andhra Pradesh	136 (23-12-1988 to 31-3-1989)
Maharashtra	109 (upto 4-3-1989)
Gujarat	102 (upto 3-4-1989)
Delhi	58

(c) Research studies on the carrier status of contacts of meningitis cases carried out during epidemic as well as inter-epidemic period showed that the carrier rate among the contacts was quite low and simple chemotherapy such as sulphodiazine could lower the carrier rate.

Opening of creches in Vasant Vihar, New Delhi

1802. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had received representations from the Area Welfare Associations of Vasant Vihar C.P.W.D. Complex area, New Delhi for opening of Creches in that area during the year 1987 and 1988;

(b) if so, the number of such representations received and the action taken on each of them till date; and

(c) by when this facility is likely to be provided in that area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Only one representation was received from the Residents Welfare Association, Government Housing Complex, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi in 1988. The Association

concerned is not recognised by this Department. Hence no action was considered necessary.

Cost of four atomic power stations

1803. SHRI PASUMPON THAKIR-UTTINAN;
SHRI VIDUTHALAI VIRUMSI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 716 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd May, 1989 and state:

(a) what is the proposed cost of construction of the four additional atomic power stations, decided to be set up at Kaiga, Tarapur, Rawatbhatta and Kudankulam;

(b) whether there is any external aid/loan for these plants; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) The cost estimates for construction of additional nuclear power reactors at Kaiga, Tarapur, Rawatbhatta and Kudankulam will be