

(c) and (d) No, Sir. However, Air India has in the recent past taken several steps like improved ground handling and inflight service, computerisation to link up various agencies in its reservation system and automatic baggage and boarding pass labelling to speed up passenger handling and convenience.

Rating of Tamil Nadu in Family Planning Programme

969. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what rating has been given to Tamil Nadu for its performance in Family Planning Programme;

(b) whether it is a fact that Tamil Nadu has been commended for its work in this field; and

(c) if so, what financial incentives have been given to that State during the Seventh Five Year Plan period for implementation of Family Planning Programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Based on the estimated Couple Protection Rate on account of Family Planning Performance as on 31st March, 1988, Tamil Nadu ranks 5th among 15 major States.

(b) and (c) Under the scheme of national awards to the States/UTs., for best performance in Family Planning, Tamil Nadu, in its group of States, has won 1st prize in each of the years 1985-86 and 1986-87. The annual amounts released to this State (including cash awards) so far during the plan period for the implementa-

tion of Family Welfare Programme are as follows:

Year	Amount released (Rs. in lakhs)
1985-86	2112.24
1986-87	2597.34
1987-88	3125.61

AIDS detection programme in Tamil Nadu

970. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched a programme to detect AIDS cases in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, what are the details of work done in this regard in that State; and

(c) what steps are being taken by ICMR in that State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) The Government have launched an extensive programme for screening persons of high risk groups and for this purpose surveillance centres have been established in Tamil Nadu as under:—

- Christian Medical College, Vellore.
- Madras Medical College, Madras.
- Institute of Child Health, Madras.
- Madurai Medical College, Madurai.
- Apollo Hospital, Madras.
- Jipmer, Pondicherry.

An AIDS Cell with an officer-in-charge has also been established at the State Health Headquarters to coordinate the activities and to assist the centres in collection of Sera Samples from high risk group and follow up case.