

(b) The number of persons screened by the Surveillance centres are as under:—

| Name of Surveillance | Screened | ELISA | WB |
|-----------------------------------|----------|-------|-----|
| Christian Medical College, Velioe | 19773 | 342 | 264 |
| Madras Medical College, Madras. | 19639 | 94 | 85 |
| Institute of Child Health, Madras | 5279 | 18 | 15 |
| Madurai Medical College, Madura) | 6974 | 71 | 61 |
| Apollo Hospital, Madras | 1964 | 1 | 1 |
| JIPMER, Pondihcerry | 2663 | 31 | 19 |
| TOTAL | 56292 | 557 | 445 |

The centres in Tamil Nadu have recently initiated screening of blood donors and antenatal mothers, in addition to screening of high risk groups. A Cell for counselling of sero-positive persons has been started in CMC, Velioe.

(c) ICMR continues to support the Surveillance/reference centres with all the assistance required for carrying out these activities. Officer-in-charge of the reference/surveillance centres and Director of Medical Education Tamil Nadu are members of the ICMR task force and have helped evolving the strategy for containment of AIDS in the state. Some centres have initiated blood donor screening for HIV antibodies.

Improvement of railway stations in Tamil Nadu

971. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU:
Will (he Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of Government's plans for the improvement of Rail-way Stations in Tamil Nadu;

(b) which stations have been improved during the Seventh Five Year Plan period, so far; and

(c) what are the details of stations which are still to be improved during the remaining period of Seventh Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Improvements to railways stations in the form of provision of basic amenities is expected to be completed by 1990-91. Other improvements, including provision of additional amenities as found necessary at important stations will also be progressed side by side, depending on availability of resources. Four stations in Tamil Nadu viz., Madras Central, Coimbatore, Tiruchirappalli and Madurai have been selected for being developed as model stations.

(b) 62 stations as per list Statement-I annexed have so far been improved during the Seventh Five Year Plan period. (See below).

(c) 39 stations as per list Statement-II are proposed to be improved during the remaining period of the Seventh Five Year Plan.

Statement-I

Stations which have been improved during the Seventh Five Year Plan Period

| S.No. Name of the Station | S. No. Name of the Station |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 Arakkonam | 33 Srirangam |
| 2 Ennore | 34 Chidambaram |
| 3 Madras Central | 35 Papanasam |
| 4 Madras Egmore | 36 Tirupadiripuliyur |
| 5 Madurantakam | 37 Sirgazhi |
| 6 Vaniyambadi | 38 Vaideeswarankoil |
| 7 Thindivanam | 39 Ariyalur |
| 8 Melpatti | 40 Thiruverumbur |
| 9 Madras Park | 41 Thiruvannamaiai |
| 10 Tambaram Sanatorium | 42 Tiruchchirappalli Town |
| 11 Egattur | 43 Arumuganeri |
| 12 Chengalpattu | 44 Rameswaram |
| 13 Marabalam | 45 Tiruchendur |
| 14 Basin Bridge | 46 Pudukkottai |
| 15 Wimco Nagar | 47 Shencottah |
| 16 Villivakam | 48 Mandapam |
| 17 Thiruninravur | 49 Palani |
| 18 Katpadi | 50 Kallal |
| 19 Ambattur | 51 Manapparal |
| 20 Trivellore | 52 Chettinad |
| 21 Gummidipundi | 53 Kadayanallur |
| 22 Tiruppur | 54 Tenkasi |
| 23 Coimbatore Jn. | 55 Ramanathapuram |
| 24 Tiruchchirappalli Fort | 56 Paramakudi |
| 25 Sankaridurg | 57 Sivaganga |
| 26 Peramburj | 58 Kadambur • |
| 27 Mayiladuthurai | 59 Ambaturai |
| 28 Nagapattinam | 60 Devakottal Road |
| 29 Ponmalai | 61 Rajapalayam |
| 30 Thanjavur | 62 Kottaiyurj |
| 31 Tiruchchirappalli Jn. | |
| 32 VHHipuram Jn. . | |

Statement-II

Stations which are still to be improved during the remaining period of Seventh Five Year Plan

| S.No. | Name of the Station | S.No. | Name of the Station |
|-------|---------------------|-------|-------------------------------|
| 1 | Ponneri | 21 | Coimbatore |
| 2 | Kanchipuram | 22 | Pettavaithalai |
| 3 | Madras Central | 23 | Tiruppur |
| 4 | Avadi | 24 | Erode |
| 5 | Korattur | 25 | Coimbatore North |
| 6 | Korattur Halt | 26 | Pugalur |
| 7 | Mambalam | 27 | Lalgudi |
| 8 | Perambur | 28 | Muthupet |
| 9 | Perumalpet | 29 | Tiruchchirappalli Jn. |
| 10 | Katpadi | 30 | Vellore Cantt. |
| 11 | Jolapettai | 31 | Tiruchchirappalli: Goods Yard |
| 12 | Wimconagar | 32 | Villupuram |
| 13 | Ennore | 33 | Srirangam |
| 14 | Madras Egmore | 34 | Madurai |
| 15 | Ambattur | 35 | Tenkasi |
| 16 | Trivellore | 36 | Thirumangalam |
| 17 | Madras Fort | 37 | Pudukkottai |
| 18 | Tiruvettiyur | 38 | Ramanathapuram |
| 19 | Annanur | 39 | Tirunelveli |
| 20 | Hindu College. | | |

Lack of Passenger Amenities in private buses operating on D.T.C. Routes

972. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRA-KANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of buses, with highly dilapidated and broken bodies, with out essential facilities and appliances, missing or broken seats, handle-nods foot boards and extremely dirty upholstery, have come on roads under DTC operation, following the last DTC employees' strike;

(b) If so, what is the number of such

buses that have been inducted during or after the strike; and

(c) what steps have been taken to provide essential passenger amenities on these buses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir. Operation of buses on road is permissible on fulfilment of the condition of vehicle inspection certificates issued by the State Transport Authority.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.