

(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.

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

Name of Surveillance	Screened	ELISA	WB
Christian Medical College, Vellore	19773	342	264
Madras Medical College, Madras.	19639	94	85
Institute of Child Health, Madras	5279	18	15
Madurai Medical College, Madurai	6974	71	61
Apollo Hospital, Madras	1964	1	1
JIPMER, Pondicherry	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, Vellore.

(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 anti-bodies.

Improvement of railway stations in Tamil Nadu

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

(a) what are the details of Government's plans for the improvement of Railway 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.