

(b) the steps Government are taking in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Details regarding incidence of polio in the State of Bihar among the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes are not available separately. However, as per the reports of the C.B.H.I., the reported cases of polio in the State of Bihar for the last three years are given below:—

POLIO		
Year	Cases	Death
1984	51	..
1985	267	6
1986 (upto June) .	76	1

From the above table, it is seen that there is increase in cases during 1985 as compared to 1984, which might be due to the increased awareness of the disease and improvement in the detection of cases.

(b) Free supply of polio vaccine is made to the State for the prevention of the disease. Further, to reduce the morbidity and mortality due to Poliomyelitis, Polio vaccination has been included under the expanded Programme .. on Immunization for 1979-80. The universal Immunization Programme started in 1985-86 also involves immunization against Poliomyelitis and, by 1990, 85 per cent of the infants would be covered under this Programme. This percentage of coverage, it is expected, would be enough to provide the required 'herd immunity' against the disease. The programme is implemented through the staff of the State Health Department and the percentage coverage against polio in

Bihar for the last three years is given below:

(Figures in lakhs)		
Year	Annual target	% Achievement of Annual Target
1983-84	6.0	44.3
1984-85	7.0	34.0
1985-86	6.0	72.3

Suburban trains facilities between Burdwan and Asansol

1752. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the problems faced by the people due to non-availability of suburban trains facility between Burdwan and Asansol; and

(b) if so, the time by when EMU electric local trains between Burdwan and Asansol are proposed to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) 10 pairs of stopping passenger trains and 16 pairs of Mail/Express trains all hauled by electric locos are available on Bardhaman-Asansol section. These services are adequately meeting the requirements, to state:

(b) Heavy investment will be required to make the section fit for running of EMU stock and for procurement of additional EMU rakes. In view of scarcity of resources, there is no plan to run EMU trains on this section for the present.

Change in train routes and timings connecting Bihar to Delhi-New Delhi

1753. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether representations have been received by Government during the period