

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) fa) Yes, Sir.

(b) The case is under investigation. Details and results thereof will be known only after completion of investigations.

New family welfare programmes

MI. SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to announce new family welfare programmes in the country to motivate the people to keep their families small;

(b) if so, what are the details of the new programmes; and

(c) to what extent the new programmes are likely to help in population control in the country?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (c) The new strategy for the National Family Welfare Programme has not yet been finalised.

2. The proposed strategy under consideration includes, *inter alia*, (1) developing multisectoral linkages between the Family Welfare and other socio-economic developmental programmes, (2) professionalising the Information, Education and Communication activities, (3) ensuring full community participation by constitution of popular committees, (4) Improving programme management and adopting differential area and group specific approaches, and (5) Improving technical quality of services.

S. The package of new initiatives is aimed at achieving the longterm demographic goals laid down under the National Health Policy.

Crisis in publishing industry

902. SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the 'Indian Express' of the 12th June, 1986 under the caption 'Publishing industry in crisis';

(b) if so, what is Government's intention thereto; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to provide adequate facilities to publishers in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The National Book Development Council has submitted a report 'Towards A National Book Policy'. This report has made several recommendations to improve the conditions of the Indian publishing industry. Government is examining these recommendations in consultation with other departments/agencies.

Railway Electrification

903. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state;

(a) the sections of railways, one-wise, where electrification has since been completed till March 31, 1986;

(b) whether the steam and diesel engines have been replaced by electric locos in these sections; and

(c) by when the remaining sections of the railways are likely to be electrified?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SETHNEMA): (a) A statement is attached. (See below)