

was no cause for banning anabolic steroids which constitute a useful class of drugs. On the advice of the ICMR the single ingredient preparations of anabolic steroids are allowed for continued marketing subject to specific indications and guidelines for use. Indications and warning are being included in the package insert. However, based on the recommendations made by the medical experts, the manufacture and sale of combinations of anabolic steroids with other drugs has been prohibited by the Government.

As per the information available, preparations containing Anabolic Steroids are being marketed in many developed and developing countries.

#### Circular Railway for Madras

2384. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 116 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 20th March, 1985 and state:

(a) what action has been taken on the preliminary study report on the Circular Railway for Madras;

(b) whether the detailed engineering survey has been undertaken, if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) if so, by when it will be completed and the amount sanctioned for the same and also the amount spent as on date on the project; and

(d) what are the consideration likely to be taken into while conducting this second detailed engineering feasibility study?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (d) The preliminary feasibility study report of Circular Railway for Madras has been examined by the Railway Board. Due to severe cons-

traint in financial resources, it has been decided to consider taking up the detailed survey when the present RTS project has substantially progressed.

#### Manufacture of anti-leprosy vaccine in India

2385. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that anti-leprosy vaccine has been manufactured in India;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether this vaccine has been tested on human beings; and

(d) if so, the result thereof and by when it is likely to be introduced in the hospitals?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR):

(a) to (d) An active Research work is in progress to develop anti-leprosy vaccines by two Indian Scientists—one from the Cancer Research Institute, Bombay and the other from the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi. A third vaccine from killer M. Laprae is being considered for trial in India. The vaccine developed so far are under clinical trials for proving their efficacy and suitability for mass use. As leprosy has a long incubation period, it takes long to evaluate the efficacy of these vaccines. The question of introduction of these vaccines in Hospitals at this stage does not arise.

#### Accommodation for nurses in Delhi Hospitals

2386. DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA:

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased