

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN
THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
(SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Though a norm of 1 bed per 1000 population has been prescribed, it is not possible to lay down the beds required in each of the hospitals of Delhi. The problem is being tackled by opening of more Govt. hospitals. At the moment two hospitals with a bed strength of 500 each are in the process of being commissioned at Hari Nagar and Shahra. Another three hospitals of 100 beds each are being planned at Manlupuri, Khichripur and Jaffarpur. It is proposed to construct another four hospitals of 100 beds each on the periphery of Delhi.

Equal opportunity to women

1421. SHRI S. W. DHABE:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR.

Will the Minister of SOCIAL AND WOMEN'S WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister is reported to have observed in his laudatory address at the one-day meeting of voluntary organisations in New Delhi on the 1st July, 1985 that women should not be treated as a separate group for purposes of and entry into employment and that they are not a separate category; and

(b) if so, what efforts Government propose to make for giving them opportunities equal to men in matter of employment and other aspects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF
THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL AND
WOMEN'S WELFARE (SHRIMATI
RAGATHAM CHANDRASE-
KHAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following measures are proposed to be taken:—

1) to integrate women in all development programmes like agri-

culture, rural development, animal husbandry, forestry, education, health, employment, science and technology so as to not merely give marginal benefits to them but to enable them to obtain an equal share in the fruits of development and equal rights of access to the productive resources of the country;

(2) to draw attention of the State Governments and the implementing agencies to the need for ensuring that women get their due share of benefits in development programmes; and

(3) to expand supportive services for working women like women's hostels, creches and short-stay homes.

Khambalia-Salaya metre gauge line

1422. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH:
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the State of Gujarat for the conversion of Khambalia-Salaya metre gauge branch line into B.G. line and for its extension up to the deep sea terminal port of Vadinar and to link this conversion to the Viramgam-Okha-Porbandar broad gauge conversion project now under construction; and

(b) by when the work of converting Hapa-Porbandar segment into broad gauge is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The second phase (Hapa-Porbandar) of the Viramgam-Okha-Porbandar conversion project has already been completed in April 1984. However, residual works are in progress.