

inter-city traffic obtaining between New Delhi-Howrah. The provision of stoppage of this train at Allahabad is therefore, not considered desirable as this would lead to increase in running time.

Implementation of Malaria Eradication programme

1158. SHRI VISHVAJIT PRITHVIJIT SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Malaria Eradication Programme has suffered in implementation both at the Centre as well as in the States during the past three years;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) to (c) The National Malaria Eradication Programme is being implemented as a Centrally Sponsored (Category-II) Health Scheme from 1-4-1979, on a 50:50 sharing basis between the Centre and the States. The implementation of this Scheme during the last three years has been constantly bringing down the incidence of malaria. However, the implementation of the Programme has been affected in certain pockets as some States have not been able to provide matching share in their budgets for purchase of insecticides for spray operations and also for expenditure on carrying out spray operations. These States have been requested at various levels to provide matching provisions in their budgets *inter alia* to ensure the procurement of appropriate type of insecticides for spray operations and for expenditure on carrying out spray operations.

Computerised rail booking

1159. SHRI VISHVAJIT PRITHVIJIT SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are envisaging computerised railway booking; if so, what is the expenditure involved; and

(b) which cities are proposed to be covered and by when?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURI): (a) and (b) A computerised passenger seat reservations scheme is being taken up as a **Pilot Project** for Delhi area. The scheme is estimated to cost about Rs. 8 crores.

After the Pilot scheme is established, the question of extending to major metropolis like Bombay, Calcutta, Madras etc. will be gone into.

Energising Pumping Sets,

1160. SHRI N. P. CHENGALRAYA NAIDU: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government have directed States to reduce various shortfalls in achievement of the Sixth Five Year Plan target for energising irrigation pumping sets; and

(b) whether the Central Government have also urged them to ensure that State Electricity Boards provide adequate and timely power supply to pumping sets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI RAM NTHAS MIRDHA): (a) The Planning Commission has fixed the target for energisation of irrigation pump sets during the Sixth Plan as 25 lakh nos. However, during the first three years of the Plan period i.e. up to March 1983, the achievement is of the order of 1013 lakh nos. This indicates that there would be a shortfall in achievement of the Sixth Plan targets. The States have been advi-