

Implementation of the family planning programme

*74. SHRI N. P. CHENGALRAYA NAIDU: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have recently issued a circular to all the State Governments asking them to implement the family planning programme in the same manner as was done before 1977;

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

(c) what is the response of the State Governments thereto; and

(d) what steps are proposed to be taken to make the family planning programme a success?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) Government have given high priority to national family planning programme and will propagate it through proper motivation and education of the eligible couples so that they avail themselves freely of the services provided under the programme on a voluntary basis.

Shortage of wagons

*75. SHRI T. ANJIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the shortage of wagon supplies is adversely affecting the economy of the country;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for its shortage; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF):

(a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) Though there has been a reduction in the number of wagons supplied for loading of goods in the past few months, care is always taken in the supply of wagons for the priority sectors such as coal, steel, foodgrains, fertilizers, POL products iron ore for export etc. to ensure that movement of essential commodities is taken care of.

(b) Availability of wagons for loading of goods depends on the wagon turnaround which has deteriorated in the recent months because of various reasons such as hold up of wagons for unloading at destinations, civil agitations interrupting rail movement, power cuts in different States and consequent lesser production, movement of traffic over longer distances, cyclone and breaches dislocating train services etc. which are beyond railways' control. Movement has also been getting affected adversely in some sectors due to agitations by railway staff.

(c) Apart from closely monitoring the movement on a day-to-day basis at the railways' as well as Railway Board's level, co-ordination is also maintained with different agencies to improve the wagon turnaround. Constant efforts are also made to improve labour relations and the grant of productivity linked bonus is one such step. These efforts will continue.

Recognition of Ayurvedic colleges by the Delhi Administration

*76. SHRI BHOLA PRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Administration Examination Board for B.A.M.S. degree has recently accorded recognition to the following Ayurvedic colleges (i) Sanatan Dharma College, Krishna Nagar, Delhi (ii) Ahinsa Bhavan Ayurvedic college, Shankar Road, New Delhi, and (iii) Ayurvedic college in village Mudka;