

Central Government employees who accept sterilisation or IUD are also granted special casual leave.

(c) Acceptance of the family planning programme depends on several factors such as the socio-economic status of acceptors, their demographic characteristics, the perception of the advantages of the small family norm, incentives etc. However, studies support the view that incentives promote behavioural change fast. The policy in this regard is that the Government should provide compensation for loss of wages and other incidental expenses which are incurred by an acceptor of contraception. As regards the additional incentive to Central Government employees announced in December, 1979 it is too early to assess their impact.

(d) There are no proposals at present regarding new incentives.

Inclusion of Hindi as an official language of the U. N. O.

115. PROF. RAMLAL PARIKH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the progress so far made in regard to the inclusion of Hindi as one of the official languages of the U.N.O.;

(b) what are the reasons for the delay in the progress;

(c) what are the names of countries consulted in this regard; and

(d) by when Government propose to introduce a resolution to this effect in the U.N. General Assembly?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) to (c) Informal consultations held from time to time with delegations of various countries on the question of the recognition of Hindi as one of the official languages of the U.N. have so far been inconclusive.

(d) For recognition of Hindi as one of the Official Languages of the U.N.

an affirmative decision of the UN General Assembly is required and a resolution in this regard can be moved only if there is a good chance of its being adopted by consensus or a majority vote.

Provision of II Class ACC coach in Bombay-Delhi Rajdhani Express

116. PROF. RAMLAL PARIKH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of several representations demanding provision of II Class air-conditioned coach in Rajdhani Bombay-Delhi Express;

(b) if so, what action has been taken thereon; and

(c) by when Government propose to implement the demand?

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

(b) and (c) At present there is no proposal for providing a second class A.C. 2-tier sleeper coach on Bombay-New Delhi Rajdhani Express which is running with the maximum permissible load.

However, as and when more powerful diesel locomotives become available, the question of providing additional coaches on this train will be duly considered.

UNFPA assistance for family welfare Programmes

117. PROF. RAMLAL PARIKH: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the UNFPA have agreed to assist Family Welfare Programmes in India during the next five years;

(b) if so, what are the details of the schemes and State-wise and scheme-wise allocations;