

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The survey for the line updated in 1990 revealed that the cost would be Rs. 833. crs. with a negative rate of return. The present day cost would be much higher. The work could not be taken up due to its unremunerative nature and constraint of resources.

Electrification of Railway Line

458. SHRI SANDIPAN BHAGWAN THORAT : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have any planning for electrification of Railway line from Pune to Sholapur on Bombay-Madras Central Railway line ;

(b) if so, the funds allocated for the same ; and

(c) the time bound programme chalked out for early completion of the said work ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI) : (a) At present, there is no proposal.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Kentucky Fried Chicken

459. SHRI RABI RAY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry's opinion has been sought by the Department of Food Processing Industry on the issue of cancellation of the licences of Kentucky Fried Chicken outlet in Delhi on the ground either of insanitary conditions or the use of harmful sodium aluminium phosphate ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the opinion offered by the Ministry in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY) : (a) and (b). No Sir, They have requested for the position prevailing in the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules to be brought to the notice of the authorities concerned.

(c) The provisions of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules are within the knowledge of the enforcement authorities.

Electropathy

460. SHRI VISHWESHWAR BHAGAT : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Electropathy / Electro-Homoeopathy Medical Science is at an advance stage of development ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether the Union Government have received complaints regarding step motherly treatment meted to this system of medicine ; and

(d) the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY) : (a) to (d). In view of several representations and appeals from various sources seeking official recognition to Electropathy / Electrohomoeopathy as a system of medicine, Government appointed Committees to examine the merit of the system. On the basis of the report of these Committees, it was decided not to grant official recognition to the system of Electropathy / Electrohomoeopathy in its present stage of development.

Employment in Armed Forces

461. KUMARI UMABHARTI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any survey report has been published that attraction of the people for employment in Armed Forces has gone down ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether the facilities being given to the officers and jawans in Armed Forces are adequate as compared to the facilities available to their counterparts in the Armed Forces in neighbouring countries ; and

(d) if not the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND

	Sections	Status
6.	Samdari-Bhildi	Work frozen.
7.	Ajmer-Mehsana	Work in progress.
8.	Chittaurgarh-Udaipur	Work in progress.
9.	Agra-Bandikui	-do

(d) The remaining lines will be considered when the next phase of the Gauge Conversion Programme is taken up in the 10th Plan, as the first phase covers the 8th and 9th Plans.

Allotment of Land

518. SHRI PIUS TIRKEY : Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is large scale misuse of land allotted to institutions for social work, charity and arts, by the Delhi Development Authority;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the measures taken to check such malpractices; and

(c) the average price of such lands charged by the DDA?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DEPARTMENT OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI R.K. DHAWAN) : (a) to (c). The Delhi Development Authority has reported that no large scale misuse of such land has been detected by it. However, as and when any such misuse is noticed, action is taken under the terms and conditions of allotment and lease. The price of institutional land in Delhi is fixed on zonal basis which ranges from Rs. 35 lakhs per acre to Rs. 80 lakhs per acre, depending upon the Zone.

[Translation]

Ban of Drugs

519. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether 40 per cent of the drugs manufactured in the country are harmful;

(b) whether these drugs are banned in the Western Countries;

(c) if so, whether the quality control of drugs manufactured in the country is in conformity with the requirements laid down by the controller of drugs; and

(d) if not, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) World Health Organisation are reported to have withdrawn 44 drugs from use in some countries. Of these, 26 drugs were not approved for marketing in India, 11 drugs have been withdrawn on the advice of experts and the remaining 7 drugs have been allowed for continued marketing in consultation with medical experts subject to necessary cautionary statement on the labels and package inserts.

(c) and (d). With a view to bringing about uniformity in the manufacture of quality drugs throughout the country, provisions for Good Manufacturing Practices (GMPs) have been provided under the Drug and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and Rules thereunder. Adherence to these practices is a pre-requisite for grant of manufacturing licences.

[English]

Electrotherapy

520. SHRI SUKDEO PASWAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have issued any instructions/ order prohibiting the promotion, development and research of Electrotherapy.

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY) : (a) This system has not been granted

official recognition having regard to its present stage of development.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Pilferage of Consignments

521. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be released to state :

(a) whether there has been an alarming increase in the case of short receipts, non-receipts, pilferage and overcarriages of consignments booked by Railways in recent years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the compensation paid in this regard by the Railways during each of the last three years; and

(d) the remedial measures taken to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI) : (a) No, Sir. In fact there has been a decline in such cases.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The details are as under :

Year	No. of claims preferred	Amount of compensation paid (Rs. in crores)
1992-93	216,954	22.34
1993-94	193,012	25.43
1994-95	177,614	25.31

(d) Railways are relentlessly striving to secure safety of goods entrusted to them for carriage and to ensure that consignments reach their destination without pilferage or damage. For this purpose, various preventive measures are adopted which include proper packaging, marking and labelling of consignments, proper pad-locking of brake vans, and luggage vans, using of commercially fit wagons, escorting of goods trains by Railway Protection Force in vulnerable areas, surprise checks and close liaison and coordination between Railway Protection Force and State Railway Police etc. Speedy despatch of goods by Block Rakes is being done to avoid loss and damage in transit.

Low Cost Building Materials

522. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE : Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the steps taken to propagate the use of low cost building materials based on local resources and waste;

(b) whether the Government propose to supply the low cost material through the Nirman Kendras;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the abnormal rise in the cost of cement during the last six months has hampered the housing activities; and

(e) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to reduce the cost of cement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DEPARTMENT OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION) AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA) : (a) In accordance with the National Housing Policy, the following steps have been taken to propagate the production and use of cost effective building technology :

- (i) The Building Materials and Technology Promotion Council (BMTPC) has been set up at the national level for the selection, extension and promotion of proven technology and building materials and the use of materials conforming to affordable standards and quality construction.
- (ii) A national network of Building Centres has been established with a view to providing cost-effective and innovative technology and training and upgrading the skills of artisans.
- (iii) Some of the proven low-cost technologies have been incorporated in the national standards and specifications laid down by the Central Public Works Department (CPWD). The State agencies have been advised to incorporate these in their schedules of specifications.
- (iv) With a view to promoting the production and use of building materials based on agricultural/industrial waste, like flyash, phosphogypsum, red mud, etc., financial incentives, viz., excise duty and customs duty exemption/concession, have been extended.