

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on

Monday, the July 22, 2002/Asadha 31, 1924 (Saka)

(Ministries : Development of North Eastern Region; Disinvestment; Health and Family Welfare; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Information and Broadcasting; Law and Justice Shipping; Social Justice and Empowerment; Tribal Affairs; Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation)

Total number of questions—154

Construction of Mahadev-Tolloi-Pfutsero Road

441. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING:
Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) in which year construction of Mahadev-Tolloi-Pfutsero Road (Manipur-Nagaland) was proposed and included in Work Programme;

(b) by when the construction of the road will actually be taken up;

(c) the causes for the delay in taking up the work, so far; and

(d) the agency which will execute the work?

Status of PM's commitment

442. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA :
Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the Prime Minister's commitment as per the Shillong declaration of January, 2000;

(b) the steps taken by Government to ensure funds availability to meet the

disbursement targets set for NEDF and benefits derived so far from the disbursement;

(c) the status of RIDF targets set for NABARD in the declaration and the achievements; and

(d) the reasons for any shortfall and the steps taken to meet the commitments?

Sale of I.T.D.C. Hotel at Kovalam

443. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI V. V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how far the efforts to sell the I.T.D.C. Hotel at Kovalam have progressed;

(b) the area under possession of the I.T.D.C. Hotel at Kovalam;

(c) the reserve price fixed;

(d) whether the valuation of the Hotel was determined on the basis of the market price or calculated under the discounted cash flow method; and

(e) whether Government would order for calculation on the basis of the market price?

Sale of ITDC Hotels

444. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has accepted the bids for sale of four hotels of the India Tourism Development Corporation;

(b) if so, the total amount received through the sale of these four ITDC hotels;

(c) whether these four hotels have suffered a combined loss of Rs. 11 crores during the year 2001-2002; and

(d) the steps being taken to sell other ITDC hotels in future?

Progress of disinvestment in PSUs

†445. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the Public Sector Undertakings in which Government have decided to go in for disinvestment;

(b) the names of the undertakings in which the process of disinvestment started during the last three years and the position of these undertakings at present;

(c) the names of the undertakings in which disinvestment is planned during current financial year and the progress of disinvestment in each undertaking;

(d) whether Government propose to give priority to those undertakings for disinvestment which are loss-making; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Disinvestment of NALCO

446. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite a request from the Government of Orissa, Government have

decided to sell 30 per cent of shares of the National Aluminium Company;

(b) if so, the details of State Government's request and objections and the reasons for overlooking the same; and

(c) the progress made, so far, in disinvestment thereof alongwith the norms adopted in arriving at the decision to disinvestment and the extent thereof?

Amendment in Companies Act, 1956

447. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that schedules in the Companies Act, 1956 have been amended for facilitating disinvestment in sectors such as coal, minerals, petroleum products and petro chemicals;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the progress made in the disinvestment process in these fields;

(d) the proposals in hand for disinvestment in these fields; and

(e) the time by which the processes would be completed?

Growth of unemployment due to disinvestment policy

448. SHRI N. K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the disinvestment policy of Government has resulted in growth of unemployment;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have taken any precautionary measures to deal with the situation of unemployment in the light of disinvestment policy; and

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereto?

Funds for various health programmes to Himachal Pradesh

†449. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated by Government to Himachal Pradesh for various health programmes during the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) whether it was sufficient for the above said plan period; and

(c) if not, the funds allocated to Himachal Pradesh for the Tenth Five Year Plan?

Deaths due to AIDS, TB and Cancer

†450. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons died due to AIDS, TB and Cancer in the country during the last three years, State-wise; and

(b) the details of effective steps taken by Government, so far, to control the diseases?

Amendment in Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques Act, 1994

451. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued an Ordinance to amend the Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques Act, 1994;

(b) if so, the salient features of the Ordinance and the purpose thereof;

(c) whether a section of medical practitioners has expressed grave reservations about some of its provisions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

Deaths of infants in King George Medical College, Lucknow

452. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several infants had died due to failure of oxygen plant in King George Medical College, Lucknow and PM Office had asked for a report in the matter;

(b) if so, whether the report has been submitted;

(c) if so, the major features of the said report; and

(d) the action taken in pursuance thereof?

Vaccine for AIDS

†453. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps taken by Government to manufacture effective vaccine to encounter dangerous diseases like AIDS;

(b) to what extent, success has been achieved in the field of research in this regard; and

(c) by when a vaccine for AIDS is likely to be manufactured in the country?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Promotion of ISM

†454. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are quite indifferent to boost Indian Systems of Medicine in the country whereas special importance is being given to treatment through Ayurveda System abroad;

(b) if so, the funds provided by Government to each State during the last five years, to encourage Indian Systems of Medicine particularly the Ayurveda System, year-wise;

(c) whether funds allocated by Government to State Governments do not match their demands; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

Prevention of consumption of Pan, Gutkha etc.

†455. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cases of fatal diseases amongst persons in the habit of taking Pan, Gutkha, Cigarette and liquor are increasing all over the country at a fast pace;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that prevention of consumption of above items is being obstructed by the producers of the above items who are very powerful and have very firm hold; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by Government for preventing consumption of the said items?

News-item, "And Safdarjung Hospital stinks for want of water"

456. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "And Safdarjung Hospital stinks for want of water", which appeared in the Statesman, dated the 18th May, 2002;

(b) if so, the reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to address the problems highlighted in the said news-item?

State Health System Development Project

457. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the States which have taken up the State Health System Development Project for supplementing the infrastructure;

(b) the achievements of the project since its inception in 1995;

(c) whether some new States have submitted proposals for this project; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Setting up of Government Ayurvedic Institute in Chhattisgarh

†458. SHRI RAMDHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Chhattisgarh has submitted any proposal relating to Rs. 18.61 crores aid for setting

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up of Government Ayurvedic Institute for clearance by Government; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government thereon?

Setting-up of Government Hospitals and PHCs

459. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Government Hospitals and Primary Health Centres proposed to be set-up in different parts of the country during the year 2002-2003;

(b) the details of places identified for the above purpose;

(c) the details of funds allocated for the same; and

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

Beautification of Dr. RML Hospital

†460. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amount spent on beautification of Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital during the last three years and till 30th June, 2002 togetherwith details of various heads under which the expenditure has been incurred;

(b) whether open tenders were not invited for the different works executed;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken to invite open tenders for different works to be completed in future?

Cancer control

461. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the growing incidence of cancer in the country, particularly amongst women;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to contain, control and prevent cancer;

(c) whether Government have a proposal to set-up more Cancer Research Centres and Units in hospitals across the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether there is any proposal for financial assistance to poor cancer patients?

Implementation of blindness control programme

462. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the targets fixed for control of blindness for the years 1999, 2000 and 2001 under the National Programme for Control of Blindness;

(b) whether the targets were achieved during the said years; and

(c) the strategy to meet the shortfalls in the implementation of the programme?

Deficiencies in implementation of NTCP

463. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the deficiencies noticed by the CAG in the implementation of the National

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Tuberculosis Control Programme and referred to in his brochure on the Audit Reports; and

(b) Government's reaction thereto?

Project for tackling disasters

464. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conceived an ambitious project to tackle natural disasters on the lines of US Government's health efforts in war-torn areas, as reported in the Indian Express, dated 6th June, 2002;

(b) if so, the details of this project;

(c) whether this State-of-the-art mobile hospital would be self-sufficient in supplying emergency health services, water, electricity and food to the victims of natural or man-made disasters; and

(d) the agency which is coordinating this and the time by which this mobile hospital would be put in operation?

TB Control Plan

†465. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for no reduction in the number of deaths due to Tuberculosis even after availability of complete and fast treatment facility through multi-therapy system;

(b) whether persons engaged in controlling Tuberculosis are not dedicated to their work and not taking it as a mission; and

(c) the number of deaths and patients during this year as compared to last year

along with the details of plan to control TB, State-wise?

Delhi High Court's direction on treatment facilities

466. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi High Court has recently directed Government to address properly the issue of treatment facilities of the Central Government employees (including pensioners) in private hospitals where the cases were referred by the C.G.H.S. authorities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether follow-up action has been taken in this regard to give effect to the High Court directive; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Agency responsible for procurement of medicines

†467. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the agency responsible for procurement of medicines for Central and State Government establishments and for para-military forces;

(b) who exercises control over such agency;

(c) whether some companies are supplying spurious medicines to Government;

(d) if so, the names thereof; and

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(e) the action taken, so far, by Government against the Government agency and companies involved in such illegal activities?

misbehaviour of the staff, leading to drainage of lakhs of public funds; and

(c) if so, the details of remedial action taken in the matter?

Private nursing homes in Delhi

468. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI BHAGATRAM
MANHAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that private nursing homes are mushrooming rapidly in the National Capital Territory of Delhi;

(b) if so, the total number of registered and unregistered private nursing homes in NCT of Delhi;

(c) whether Government propose to scan all these nursing homes so as to legalise them and approve them as per the rates of Directorate of Health Services and CGHS for treatment; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

CGHS network in Delhi

469. DR. ABRAR AHMED:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CGHS network in Delhi is in a shamble, as reported in the Hindustan Times, dated 30th May, 2002;

(b) whether this sad State of affairs prevailing since long in this network has been brought to the notice of PM, highlighting that 84 per cent of Government patients seek the advice and treatment of private doctors on account of poor, precarious, negligible treatment and

Primary Health Centres

†470 SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH
'LALAN':

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a decision has been taken to pay more attention to Primary Health Centres in the New Health Policy;

(b) if so, whether Government have formulated any scheme at national level to increase the number of these Health Centres and to improve standard of the service being rendered by these Centres; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when, it is likely to be implemented?

Facilities under CGHS in private hospitals

471. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED
KHAN (DURRU):
DR. AKHILESH DAS:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether private hospitals to whom lands had been allotted in Delhi by Government on concessional rates are treating/providing facilities to Government employees, including retired personnel covered under the CGHS;

(b) if not, the number and details of such hospitals which are not extending such facilities;

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(c) whether such facilities are provided in Apollo Indraprastha Hospital and G.M. Modi Hospital, New Delhi; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Services of mobile hospitals in Gujarat

472. SHRI BHAGATRAM

MANHAR:

SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce the services of mobile hospitals and research centres in the State of Gujarat with facilities like ultra-sound, X-ray, ECG, laboratory and basic instruments for ENT check up;

(b) if so, the complete details of the proposal; and

(c) the details of the outside agencies like World Health Organisation and UNICEF who have offered financial assistance for running these hospitals?

Collapse of CGHS

473. SHRI R. P. GOENKA:

SHRI KARNENDU

BHATTACHARJEE:

SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a two-part write up captioned, "CGHS Malaise, malignant, medication missing" which appeared in the Hindustan Times, dated 30th May, 2002 and 17th June, 2002 highlighting the near collapse of the Central Government Health Scheme meant primarily for its employees, Members of Parliament and some others;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) the steps being taken to revitalise the Scheme or to privatise it altogether to ensure effective and efficient health care system for the 1.5 million contributing beneficiaries?

Functioning of CGHS Dispensaries in Delhi

474. SHRI N.R. DASARI:

SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been complaints about the unsatisfactory functioning of CGHS Dispensaries in Delhi and the nexus between the chemists and the dispensary employees in the procurement of medicines for the beneficiaries; and

(b) if so, the details of the complaints and action taken, if any, by Government thereon?

Sterilization of stray dogs

475. SHRI SURESH BHARDWAJ:

SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of stray dogs in the country, State-wise;

(b) the number of Hospitals/Dispensaries in each State which have sterilization facilities for stray dogs; and

(c) the number of dogs sterilized in each State during the past two years?

"No Tobacco Week"

476. DR. KARAN SINGH:
DR. AKHILESH DAS:
SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED
KHAN (DURRU):

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an international "No Tobacco Week" was observed in May this year;

(b) if so, the schemes and programmes launched thereunder;

(c) the percentage and number of tobacco-related deaths in India during 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002; and

(d) the steps taken by way of research and otherwise to find alternative uses of tobacco without causing loss to the farmers?

Health centres in border regions of Rajasthan

477. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of health centres operating in the border regions of Rajasthan;

(b) the number of Staff (Doctors/Nurses etc.) employed per centre;

(c) the status of equipments and medicines supplied to these health centres; and

(d) whether there are basic facilities available for performing minor operations in these centres during emergency?

Legitimizing test tube babies

478. DR. KARAN SINGH:
DR. AKHILESH DAS:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to legitimize test tube babies and babies born of Assisted Reproductive Techniques (ART) by using wombs and semen of willing donors;

(b) if so, whether Government have examined and determined the social status and proprietary and other rights;

(c) if so, the details in this regard; and

(d) by when a legislation for the purpose is likely to be brought before Parliament?

Unearthing of fake drugs

479. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Police have unearthed fake drugs worth Rs. 60 crores from a spurious drug manufacturing unit which was being run in the capital;

(b) if so, whether these consignments are being sold in the shops in rural areas and slums of the city;

(c) whether a number of factories have been found using spurious drugs in the States; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by Government to check the fake drug rackets operating in the market?

Steps to check population growth

480. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have pointed out that States have not taken serious steps to check the population growth;

(b) if so, whether a number of States have prepared policies that propose various disincentives, including denial of free rations and education to the third child;

(c) if so, the States which have, so far, formulated the policy and those which have not; and

(d) the action being considered by Government against those States which have not taken measures to check the population growth?

Non-admission of accident/burn victims in private hospitals

481. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that many accident and burn case victims are not admitted by private hospitals fearing police harassment resulting in loss of life to the victims;

(b) if so, whether any directions have been issued to private hospitals in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Sale of spurious medicines

†482. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Paschimi Uttar Pradesh Mein Faila hai Nakli Dava Mafia Ka Jaal", which appeared in the Rashtriya Sahara, dated the 17th May, 2002;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) the number of cases of spurious medicines which have been detected during the last two years;

(d) the steps taken by Government to check the sale of spurious medicines; and

(e) the results thereof, so far?

Amount spent on NTCP

483. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent on National TB Control Programme since 1998-1999 till date, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government of Karnataka has requested for financial assistance to strengthen the existing TB Centres and to expand RNTCP to five new districts; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government in this regard?

Non-admission in medical and dental colleges

484. SHRI C. RAMACHAND-RAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of medical and dental colleges were not permitted to admit students for the academic year 2002-2003;

(b) if so, the list of such medical and dental colleges, State-wise;

(c) the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken to maintain the standard in the medical and dental colleges?

AIDS vaccine

485. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned,

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"AIDS vaccine raises many questions", which appeared in The Times of India, dated 14th May, 2002;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the measures proposed to be adopted to address problems highlighted in the aforesaid news item?

Focal points for plague bacteria

486. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the medical experts have identified four areas in the country which are focal point for plague bacteria;

(b) if so, the details of the areas;

(c) the criteria for the identification of these areas as focal points; and

(d) the preventive measures taken in these areas to prevent the out-break of the deadly disease?

Project of AIIMS for optimal utilisation of surface run-off water

487. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Institute of Medical Sciences has prepared a project for optimal utilisation of surface run-off water and ground water recharging;

(b) if so, whether the Redevelopment Plan 2025 has been prepared;

(c) if so, the details of this project;

(d) by when it is likely to start; and

(e) the estimated cost in implementing this project?

TB and Hepatitis patients

488. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state the total number of TB and Hepatitis patients reported in 1999, 2000 and 2001, State-wise?

High-tech drug for diabetes

489. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a new high-tech drug is proving effective for all types of diabetes and is reducing dependence on insulin shots in the USA;

(b) if so, whether Government are taking steps to make this drug available in the country; and

(c) the other details in this regard?

Ban on use of animals for medical purposes

490. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the present ban on use of animals for research and medical purposes has badly affected production on BCG Vaccine, thereby jeopardising National Immunization Programme and production of venom antidote and several other crucial vaccines;

(b) if so, what action has Government taken to resolve the issue; and

(c) by when these laboratories are likely to get their full requirement of animals, etc.?

Ban on non-reusable plastic items

491. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Tamil Nadu has banned non-reusable plastic items in the interest of public health;

(b) whether there is any proposal with Government to impose similar ban throughout the country;

(c) if so, whether a bill will be introduced for the purpose; and

(d) if not, whether Government would consider the feasibility of such a ban for the benefit of public?

Upgradation of Government Ayurveda College, Raipur

†492. SHRI RAMDHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal to upgrade Government Ayurveda College, Raipur has been received by Government; and

(b) if so, the action taken, so far, in this regard?

Diabetes cases in Andhra Pradesh

493. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of diabetes are on abnormal rise in the State of Andhra Pradesh particularly in its urban areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise;

(c) whether National Diabetes Control Programme is under implementation in the State;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the action taken to control diabetes in the State?

Deaths due to air-pollution

494. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per World Bank study, 40,000 people die of air-pollution every year in Ahmedabad, Mumbai, Kolkata, Delhi, Kanpur and Nagpur, besides Delhi, heads the list of such deaths;

(b) whether air-pollution has a significant impact on heart disease and results in raise of coronary events within 24 to 48 hours after the pollution level increases in Delhi; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by Government to check air-pollution?

Availability of medicines to patients

†495. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the cost of medicines supplied to various hospitals for providing to patients during the last three years and upto 30 June, 2002;

(b) whether it is a fact that medicines are not being provided to the patients in various hospitals and they have to purchase the medicines from market in spite of their admission in the hospitals;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the steps being taken by Government to make the medicines available to the patients in the hospitals?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

UN report on AIDS

496. SHRI SUNIL SHASTRI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the latest report of UN on AIDS, unless rich nations step up their efforts to curb the disease, AIDS will kill 70 million people over the next 20 years;

(b) whether Government have studied the said report;

(c) if so, the details of the alarming facts made by the UN report;

(d) the specific steps Government propose to take or concrete plans Government have chalked out to combat this disease; and

(e) the number of AIDS infected people in the country as on 31st March in 2000, 2001 and 2002, State-wise?

Policy regarding opening of CGHS dispensaries

497. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the policy of Government regarding opening of CGHS dispensaries or recognising private hospitals/clinics;

(b) whether Government are considering phasing out CGHS and provide insurance cover to Government employees; and

(c) the extent of corruption and inefficiency in hospitals and dispensaries under CGHS?

Health care for women

498. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has a large percentage of female population in

above 45 years segment but the focus of health care for women is still limited to child birth and initial post child birth years;

(b) if so, the factors responsible for such a situation; and

(c) the efforts being made to expand and extend various medical services/health care to women at large?

Survey under National Programme for Control of Blindness

499. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the survey under the National Programme for Control of Blindness has been completed;

(b) if so, the details of the survey; and

(c) the details of the States from which data has been collected?

News-item, "Eight in Bhuj loose eyesight after surgery"

500. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Eight in Bhuj loose eyesight after surgery", which appeared in the Times of India, dated 18th June, 2002;

(b) if so, the response of Government thereto; and

(c) the findings of four-member Inquiry Committee which was supposed to submit its report within 48 hours?

Reimbursement of expenditure on hospitalisation

501. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that entire expenditure on account of hospitalisation of retired and serving Government officials in private hospitals is not reimbursed by CGHS despite the fact that their cases are referred by the CGHS for treatment/operation;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Delhi High Court has recently passed stricture against CGHS in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the follow-up action being taken by Government in this regard?

Funds to States under National Illness Assistance Fund

502. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount released to different States under National Illness Assistance Fund during the year 2001-2002;

(b) whether all the States have set-up their respective funds;

(c) whether there is any mechanism to ensure that the funds are properly utilised; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Sale of Kidneys in Kerala

503. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of

the report that starving tribals of Idukki District in Kerala are selling their kidneys to make a living, which appeared in the Hindustan Times, dated the 11th June, 2002; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government in the matter?

Merging of Department of ISMH with Department of Health

504. DR. A. K. PATEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy was created without following proper procedures;

(b) if not, the year in which concurrence of Ministry of Finance was obtained for creation of Group 'A' posts for the Department; and

(c) whether there is any proposal under consideration to merge this department with the Department of Health as per the recommendation of Fifth Central Pay Commission?

National Tuberculosis Control Programme

†505. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for failure to achieve the targets set under the National Tuberculosis Control Programme;

(b) to what extent the grants released by Tuberculosis Control Institutions have been utilized during the last three years State-wise/district-wise; and

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(c) the details of the efforts being made at national and local level to activate the programme?

News-item, "Air Pollution goes to the heart"

506. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Air pollution goes to the heart", which appeared in 'The Times of India' dated 17th June, 2002";

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the corrective and preventive steps proposed to be taken in this regard to ensure healthy living for the citizens of Delhi?

Blood racket

507. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Spurious blood racket unearthed at DD Hospital, Delhi", which appeared in 'The Times of India', dated 6th June, 2002;

(b) if so, the details of this racket with names of the accused and since when this racket has been going on with *modus-operandi* of the accused; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to control such type of illegal activities which play with the lives of the patients?

Non-functioning of equipment in Burns Deptt. of Safdarjung Hospital

508. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a number of machines and equipment fitted in the ICU of Safdarjung Hospital's Burns Department are not functioning properly with the result the patients have been suffering; and

(b) if so, since when these equipments have been lying idle and by when these will start functioning?

Procurement of banned medicine of cough

† 509. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the officers of his Ministry have procured spurious and banned medicine of cough despite objections made by Members of Parliament, C.G.H.S. beneficiaries and officers of Kendriya Bhandar;

(b) if so, the amount with the number of bottles of the medicine procured and the names of the officers who have overlooked the objections of all persons including that of Members of Parliament; and

(c) the action Government would take to return this medicine, recover the amount and take action against the officers involved in this?

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Proposal for amendment in the new Health Policy

510. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUK-KARASU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has participated in the recently concluded 55th General Assembly of W.H.O. at Geneva;

(b) if so, the main outcome of the meeting;

(c) whether Government propose to make amendments in new Health Policy keeping in view the recommendations made by the General Assembly of W.H.O.;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Functioning of DCI

511. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of corruption in the Dental Council of India, Government have decided to formulate new sets of rules to allow greater say in its functioning;

(b) if so, the details of complaints received by Government regarding the functioning of DCI in the recent past and action taken thereon; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to make the functioning of DCI transparent?

Sickness in CPSUs

†512. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the industrial

sickness in the Central Public Sector undertakings is increasing every year;

(b) if so, the number of undertakings found sick and running in losses as on 31st March, 2002; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to improve their functioning?

Review of guidelines on film certification

513. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Chairman of Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) suggested any review of guidelines pertaining to film certification;

(b) if so, the salient features of the proposed revision; and

(c) how are they going to improve the existing system of certification?

AIR Stations in Chhattisgarh

†514. SHRI RAMDHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of All-India Radio Stations in Chhattisgarh as on date; and

(b) whether Government are considering to open more All-India Radio Stations?

Setting-up of Censor Board for TV serials

515. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a separate Censor Board for television

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serials considering that they are spoiling the minds of the youth;

- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Conversion of DD Metro Channel into Satellite Channel

516. SHRI R. S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prasar Bharati proposes to convert its entertainment channel DD Metro into satellite channel;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Expert Committee set-up under the Chairmanship of R. C. Mishra for developing business models for channels under Prasar Bharati has submitted its Report;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reaction of Government thereto?

Amendment in the Cable Network Regulation Act, 1995

517. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have introduced a Bill to amend the Cable Network Regulation Act, 1995;

(b) if so, the salient features of the proposed legislation;

(c) by when the legislation is likely to come into force; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to protect the cable consumers against the monopolistic domination of the cable operators?

Telecasting of weather reports

† 518. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the reason for not telecasting the weather reports on 24th June, 2002 by Doordarshan and the loss suffered by Doordarshan as a result thereof; and

(b) the person who has been held responsible by Government for not telecasting the weather report and the action taken against him to recover the amount of loss to Doordarshan?

Foreign equity in print media

519. SHRI KULDIP NAYYAR: SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to allow Foreign Direct Investment in Print Media;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of proposals received by Government in the said sector, so far, and from which country;

(d) the number of proposals cleared by FIPB, so far; and

(e) the Ministry's projection in this regard?

Entering of Prasar Bharati into cable TV Services

520. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

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