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(a) whether Government are aware that Hepatitis-B is spreading in the country at an alarming rate;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the use of daily items can even spread Hepatitis-B, as reported in the Times of India, dated 14th June, 2002;

(d) if so, whether Government have formulated any plans to check the spread of this disease; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (e) Hepatitis-B spreads due to unsafe sex, unsafe blood transfusion, unsafe injections, etc., and from mother to child. Hepatitis-B is preventable by ensuring safe blood transfusion, safe sex, safe injection practices, etc. Vaccine for Hepatitis-B is also available. Following measures have been taken to prevent Hepatitis-B:—

- Guidelines have been issued to mandatory testing of blood in all blood banks.
- Promotion of safe sex under National AIDS Control Programme is advocated.
- Health awareness campaigns under National AIDS Control Programme are held.
- Guidelines have been issued to State Health authorities for use of separate sterile syringes and needles for each injection.
- A pilot project to immunize children against Hepatitis-B in selected cities/districts has been launched under National Immunization Programme.
- Central Government hospital personnel at high risk are being immunized against Hepatitis-B. State Governments have also been advised to take similar steps.

Amount allocated for NPCB

1216. SHRI M.V. RAJASHEKHARAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated to various States since 1998 to till date on National Programme for Control of Blindness;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government of Karnataka has requested Government to establish a Regional Institute of Ophthalmology in northern part of Karnataka; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Since 1998-99, a sum of Rs. 30195.77 lakh has been released to various States/UTs under National Programme for Control of Blindness. Year-wise releases made to State/UTs are given at Statement (See below).

(b) No such request has been received from the State Government of Karnataka for establishing Regional Institute of Ophthalmology in northern part of Karnataka.

(c) Question does not arise.

Statement

National Programme for Control of Blindness

Funds Released as Cast Grants & GIA States/UTs since 1998-99

(Rs. in lakhs)

State	Year				Total
	(1998-1999)	(1999-2000)	(2000-2001)	(2001-2002)	(1998—2002)
World Bank Project					
Andhra Pradesh	442.50	434.40	521.00	835.80	2695.04
Madhya Pradesh	976.67	740.81	699.13	463.00	3473.00
Maharashtra	449.25	664.88	581.00	836.00	2943.40
Orissa	551.08	420.25	1,107.00	300.00	2894.53
Rajasthan	324.50	314.18	856.00	912.00	2696.28
Tamil Nadu	866.85	1,009.82	857.00	1,742.25	5139.39
Uttar Pradesh	806.75	789.32	588.00	2,058.23	4944.58
Chhatisgarh	80.00	140.00	107.00	162.00	582.00
Uttaranchal	60.00	50.00	15.00	140.00	328.00
Sub Total	4557.60	4563.65	5331.13	7449.28	21901.65

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State	Year				Total
	(1998-1999)	(1999-2000)	(2000-2001)	(2001-2002)	(1998-2002)
<i>Rest of the States</i>					
Arunachal Pradesh	8.50	15.00	31.00	34.65	96.69
Assam	107.15	81.50	182.90	57.50	520.09
Bihar	156.00	108.58	275.92	72.00	723.44
Delhi	24.70	42.40	38.13	13.00	130.98
Goa	63.15	14.50	41.20	18.70	146.30
Gujarat	157.49	404.50	384.00	142.04	1211.54
Haryana	101.00	169.27	178.00	102.00	608.74
Himachal Pradesh	83.53	86.25	131.00	37.00	370.25
Jammu & Kashmir	92.00	40.75	106.50	80.80	359.21
Jharkhand	48.00	46.00	54.00	15.30	215.30
Karnataka	258.01	352.20	290.20	259.20	1330.39
Kerala	91.57	263.39	270.50	124.50	806.30
Manipur	25.91	9.00	41.60	36.15	122.93
Maghalaya	23.75	21.00	60.10	66.00	192.91
Mizoram	25.75	26.50	55.40	25.30	139.99
Nagaland	64.10	14.00	40.58	47.15	172.18
Punjab	56.60	199.61	117.60	55.20	483.66
Sikkim	26.30	15.25	26.60	5.60	81.67
Tripura	50.89	35.39	68.80	372.20	547.55
West Bengal	141.70	194.10	275.00	120.40	787.95
A & Nicobar	7.80	10.67	3.75	8.10	37.32
Chandigarh	10.60	11.44	11.00	8.00	48.04
D & N Haveli	6.70	2.50	3.75	5.80	25.75
Daman & Diu	7.70	9.40	4.75	4.50	34.35
Lakshdweep	17.70	5.72	3.75	4.60	38.81
Pandicherry	5.30	20.82	14.50	5.75	50.37
Sub-Total	1661.90	2199.74	2711.03	1721.44	8294.11
Grand Total	6219.50	6763.39	8042.16	9170.72	30195.77