

population norms, has already been relaxed in case of hilly/tribal/difficult areas, as follows :—

Primary Health Care Institution	Population Norms	
	Plain Area	Hilly/Tribal Area
Sub-centre	5000	3000
PHC	30000	20000
CHC	120000	80000

Spread of Brain Haemorrhage

†4326. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the disease of brain haemorrhage is spreading rapidly among people in different parts of the country;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any steps so far to check it; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM) : (a) Even though adequate data is not available, increase in cases of brain haemorrhage is shown in all countries. Two relevant factors are : increasing urbanisation and changing life-style.

(b) and (c) The Government has undertaken pilot project on Cardiovascular Disease (CVD) Programme in 5 States to assess the level of awareness and risk factors in selected population.

During the year 1998-99 Rs. 49.50 lakhs were given in AIIMS to carry out CVD (Cardiovascular Control and Prevention Activities) in the organised sector e.g. CGHS, Railways etc.

Procurement of Gamma Knife for Nimhans, Bangalore

4327. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken any action to procure Gamma Knife to NIMHANS, Bangalore, through International Funding Programme;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

- (b) if so, for which purpose the Gamma Knife would be used; and
- (c) when it would be available at NIMHANS, Bangalore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM) : (a) to (c) Government had received a proposal from NIMHANS, Bangalore for procurement of Gamma Knife with financial assistance from Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA). Gamma Knife is a new innovation useful in Neurosurgery for treating tumours and vascular malformations without the need for open surgery and the related complications thereon. However, SIDA have declined to provide any funds for procurement of Gamma Knife by NIMHANS as they are providing funds only for the ongoing projects and not for any new projects.

PG Courses in Homoeopathic Medicine

4328. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

- (a) whether Delhi Government propose to introduce Post-Graduate courses in Homoeopathic medicine during current academic year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, with criteria of admission to be adopted including duration and scheme of courses to be prescribed;
- (c) whether the Union Government propose to ask other States and Union Territories to take similar action; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM) : (a) Delhi Government has informed that there is a plan scheme to introduce PG Course in Homoeopathy during 9th Five Year Plan, but not necessarily in the current financial year.

(b) As per the Homoeopathy (Post Graduate Degree Course), Regulations, 1989, the duration of the PG Course is three years and the subjects of the speciality are Homoeopathic Philosophy, Materia Medica and Repertory.

(c) and (d) The State Governments and Union Territories are required to take the initiative for starting Post Graduate Courses according to the requirements set out by the Central Council of Homoeopathy.