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- (c) The preventive measures to control JE includes:—
 - Early diagnosis and proper management of cases;
 - Vector control by insecticidal spray/fogging in identified areas;
 - Vaccination of identified Japanese Encephalitis-prone groups;
 - Regular monitoring-of epidemiological trends, investigations and training;
 - Information education, communication activities to ensure early reporting and adopting of preventive measures.

TB. and Respiratory Diseases Institute in Dibrugarh

465. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have taken TB. and Respiratory Diseases Institute to Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh, as an NEC Scheme;
 - (b)if so, what are the benefits given so far by this Institute;
- (c) whether there is any proposal for extension of services of this Institute, to provide facilities to the patients of Manipur and Nagaland; and
- (d)if so, whether the existing TB. hospital of Nagaland Government, constructed at the border of Manipur and Nagaland, can be converted into a TB. and Respiratory Diseases branch of the Institute?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NT. SHANMUGAM): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

National Population Policy

466. SHRI GAYA SINGH: SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that a National Population Policy is being evolved by Government; and
 - (b) if so, the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) and (b) Formulation of National Population Policy is under active consideration of Government.