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could they ask, "Please give the order to us." ...*(Interruptions)*... We rely upon them. We rely upon our public sector undertakings. But the problem is, when we asked them, "Will you undertake this order? Will you complete this work?", they said, "First, you give us the tender." If 66 to 67 per cent....

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Are you satisfied with what has been done by your Department?

KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE: There are some procedures in every Department. That is why I am telling you, if you have a good suggestion, you can give it to the Tender Committee.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: I want you to inquire into the whole thing.

KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE: If you have a good suggestion, you can give it to us. I welcome suggestions and views from Members of Parliament on this issue. I want to tell you that this particular company, M/s. Plasses has supplied 1002 machines to 60 countries.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: They may be a good company. But the rejection was wrong. Will you kindly inquire into it?

KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE: If the rejection is wrong ...*(interruptions)*... Of course, I always appreciate....

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Expenditure on Health

*183. Miss Saroj Khaparde: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of acute respiratory infection, diarrhoea, malaria, tuberculosis and leprosy reported in 1995, 1996, 1997 and 1998. State-wise;

(b) the Plan priorities of Government so far as health sector is concerned; and

(c) the percentage of GDP as well as total Plan outlay and Central and State Budgets spent on health during the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) The number of cases

of acute respiratory infection, diarrhoea, malaria, tuberculosis and leprosy reported in 1995, 1996, 1997 and 1998, State-wise, are given in Annexure. [See Appendix 188, Annexure No. 27]

(b) According to the Ninth Plan document, the plan priorities include optimising coverage and quality of health care to meet the increasing health care needs of the people, controlling communicable and non-communicable diseases and bringing about a reduction in the population growth rate by enhancing the quality and coverage of family welfare services with special focus on women, children and adolescents. Focussed attention would also be given to development and enhancement of Indian Systems of Medicine and Homeopathy to widen the scope of health care delivery mechanism.

(c) As per information furnished by Central Statistical Organisation, estimates of total government expenditure (current & capital) on health by Central and State Governments for the years 1993-94 to 1996-97 and percentage share of expenditure on health to GDP (at current market prices) is at Annexure-II. The percentage of expenditure on health and family welfare to total plan outlay for the period 1994-95 to 1998-99 are also given in Annexure [See Appendix 188, Annexure No. 28]

World Bank Aid to Maharashtra Forest Department

*184. DR. GOPALRAO VITHALRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank is toying with the idea of sanctioning Rs. 700 crores or more to the Maharashtra Forest Department in view of the commendable work done by the World Bank sponsored Maharashtra Forestry Project in its extension period; and

(b) if so, what are the further developments in the matter so far, as being under active consideration of the Union Government and the World Bank?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) and (b) A proposal for funding of Maharashtra Forestry Project Phase II—Natural Forest Management Project, with estimated cost of about Rs. 600 crores, has been forwarded to the World Bank. The World Bank has not decided about funding of the Project.