

Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Kerala.

(c) IDBI has reported that the decision to locate a project in a particular State/Region vests with the entrepreneur who, in turn, is guided by the level of infrastructure facilities available in the State, availability of raw materials, skilled labour and proximity of market. IDBI assesses the location from the angle of its suitability to the project. All financially, economically and commercially viable and technically feasible projects are assisted by IDBI irrespective of their location. IDBI has further reported that as at the end of July 1996, seven applications for an aggregate assistance of Rs. 34 crores pertaining to Bihar are pending with IDBI and these are under process.

Growing Resistance of Bacteria and Microbes against Antibiotics

2940. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether antibiotics and other life saving drugs used against many diseases are rapidly losing their effectiveness as bacteria and other microbes develop resistance to them; and

(b) if so, the effective measures being taken to fight the biggest killer infections in the country to ensure that its socio-economic development is not crippled by the burden of these diseases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) Drug resistance in most drug used in the treatment of infectious diseases is attributed to indiscriminate use of antibiotics.

(b) In the National Programmes on control of diseases, proper combination of drugs,

dosage/duration of treatment are prescribed for effective control of the major communicable diseases.

Upgrading the skills of employees

2941. SHRI SOM PAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of employees employed by his Ministry and its various undertakings including the Airlines;

(b) category-wise break-up of the staff and their duties;

(c) whether Government have felt any need for upgrading the skills of various categories of employees;

(d) if so, what steps have been taken in this regard;

(e) whether adequate facilities are available for imparting the most modern training to the various categories of employees; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) and (b) A statement is attached indicating the total number of employees and its category-wise distribution. (See below)

(c) to (f) The Requirement of training and upgradation of skills of the employees of the Ministry of Civil Aviation and its undertakings is not uniform. There are some highly skilled categories like Pilots and Engineers in the airlines and officers with specialised experience in the DGCA, BCAS and IGRUA. Each organisation has developed specific training programme to meet the requirements of its personnel i.e. for Pilots skill upgradation Indian Airlines has Central Training Establishment at Hyderabad, Air India, has Simulator Training Facilities at Mumbai and for the ab-initio pilot training IGRUA provides the training facilities.