

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHAN-KARANAND): (a) Government has seen the press report.

(b) According to the National Report of Government of China on Population and Development, the National Family Planning Policy is not concerned only with the concept of child bearing but also socio-economic development of the country and the Government of China hopes that population size can be contained to between 1.5 to 1.6 billion by the middle of the next century.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) An Action Plan covering improvement in the quality and out-reach of services, differential approach to poor performing areas, innovative approaches in IEC activities, greater involvement of NGOs, active community participation, improved mother and child health care, etc. is being implemented.

(e) States like Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Goa have performed better, whereas States like Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh are lagging behind.

(f) According to the Registrar General of India, a proposal to enact a legislation for making the registration of marriages compulsory is under consideration of Government.

जे०के० कैसर संस्थान, कानपुर  
का दर्जा बढ़ाया जाना

88. चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह: क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने 30 सितम्बर, 1994 तक जे०के० कैसर संस्थान का दर्जा बढ़ाने और इस संस्थान को वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान करने की दिशा में क्या प्रयास किये हैं ;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने उक्त कार्यों के अनुरोध को स्वीकार कर लिया है; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री (श्री बी० शंकरानन्द) : (क) से (ग) उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार को वर्ष 1993-94 के दौरान जे०के० कैसर संस्थान, कानपुर में कैसर कोबाल्ट रागियो के उपचार के लिए थिरेपी यूनिट की स्थापना हेतु 50 लाख रुपये की राशि प्रदान की गई है।

#### Team of experts from 'WHO' to investigate the outbreak of Plague

89. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Health Organisation had recently set up an international team of experts to investigate in India the outbreak of Plague;

(b) if so, whether the said team of experts has since submitted its report to the India Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHAN-KARANAND): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A Draft Executive Report has been received. The recommendations inter alia cover the following operational areas:

(i) Need for laboratories to develop capabilities for primary isolation and bio-chemical and phage characterization of *Y. Pestis*.

(ii) Need to obtain and characterize pure cultures of *Y. Pestis* by subculturing existing cultures and by primary isolation methods.

(iii) Development of surveillance capabilities for Plague in India including network of epidemiologic, laboratory and ecologic capabilities.