

- (b) if so, the reasons for the decision taken by the World Bank;
- (c) whether Government proposes to fiscally support this drug safety programme in future;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Pharmacovigilance Programme was funded by World Bank assisted Capacity Building Project and the tenure of the project is over.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The programme may be continued with appropriate funding through domestic annual budgetary exercise.

(e) Does not arise.

Homosexuality and moral values

1343.DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is reconsidering its stand on homosexuality or gay sex; and
- (b) if so, what is the logic behind it in the changing times affecting the moral values?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) This matter is pending with the High Court of Delhi.

Medical care of senior citizens

1344.SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR:

SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL:

SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:

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

- (a) the number of senior citizens living in the country as on date; State-wise;
- (b) whether medical facilities being provided to them are not conforming to those of other countries;
- (c) if so, the reasons for shortage of such facilities;
- (d) whether any plan has been initiated or proposed to provide medical and health facilities to senior citizens during last three years; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (e) The number of elderly citizens living in the country as per census 2001 is given in the Statement. While in most of the western and developed countries elderly citizens are normally covered under various insurance schemes, in India, the facilities to the aged persons are