

(b) whether it is a fact that Pakistan are increasing their man-power in their armed forces and also spending more; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what percentage of their national incomes the military expenses of India, China and Pakistan constitute?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) to (c) Some reductions in manpower strength have been reported in respect of the Armed Forces of the USSR and China. The USSR has announced planned reduction in its defence expenditure. Some increase in defence expenditure has been reported by the Chinese Government. There has been a steady increase of manpower and expenditure in the Pakistan Armed Forces.

India's defence expenditure as a percentage of national income is one of the lowest amongst the neighbouring countries. Owing to differing practices of computation and reporting of official statistics, it is difficult to have precise and fully comparable statistics relating to actual defence expenditure as a percentage of respective national incomes.

Irregularities in purchase of orthopaedics equipment in NDMC Hospital

1694. **SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA:** Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a case of alleged irregularities in purchase of Orthopaedics Equipment worth lacs of rupees in NDMC Hospital is under investigation by the Central Vigilance Commission;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in addition to the present Medical Superintendent of NDMC Hospital, conduct of some senior officers of NDMC who were indirectly involved with this purchase, is also under investigation by the CVC;

(c) if so, what is the outcome of the enquiry and the reasons for inordinate delay;

(d) whether it is also a fact that inspite of proven corruption charges in a case per-

taining o family Planning Operations in NDMC, under investigation by the CVC, the MS has not been shifted from the present post and instead has been given one year's extension of Deputation, in addition to his already completed three years in NDMC; and

(e) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c). NDMC after investigation of the complaint have sent a detailed report about purchase of Orthopaedics equipment to CVC on 8th July 1988. The CVC has further sought certain clarifications on the issue. NDMC has informed that they will be sending this information to CVC shortly.

(d) and (e) The matter pertaining to Family Planning Operations in NDMC was investigated by NDMC's Vigilance Department. Subsequently the case was forwarded by NDMC to CVC and since then it has been under consideration of CVC and NDMC. On completion of three years, the term of Medical Superintendent, Moti Bagh Hospital, was extended, on request from NDMC, by one year.

Post of Gynaecologist and chest physician lying vacant in NDMC Hospital

1695. **SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA:** Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the duly sanctioned post of Gynaecologist and Chest Physician were lying vacant in NDMC Hospital since 1985-86;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the post of Orthopaedics Surgeon was also revived/created during this period;

(c) whether the post of Medical Superintendent in NDMC Hospital is earmarked for an Orthopaedics Surgeon;

(d) if not, what were the reasons for NDMC for specifically requesting the Cen-

tra! Health Services for an Orthopaedics Surgeon to man the post of Medical Superintendent of NDMC Hospital;

(e) whether it was to favour a particular persons who is otherwise a very junior person in CHS as well as in NDMC; and

(f) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No post of Gynaecologist was lying vacant in NDMC Hospital, Moti Bagh. However the post of Gynaecologist was lying vacant in Palika Maternity Hospital, Lodhi Road since 1985-86. There does not exist any post of Chest Physician in NDMC Hospital.

(b) and (c) No, Sir.

(d) As per the approved Recruitment Rules the post of Medical Superintendent in NDMC Hospital is required to be filled only from the Officers of Central Health Services Cadre. The services of an Orthopaedic Surgeon belonging to Central Health Services Cadre was requisitioned so that he could manage both the office of Medical Superintendent and Orthopaedic Department.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Identification of areas for technology missions

1696, SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether six areas pertaining to the Technology Missions have been identified by Government;

(b) whether specialisation of the French would be of use in this regard following the interaction between Indian and French experts on 22nd March, 89; at New Delhi; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) Six areas pertaining to the Technology Mission on Drinking Water have been identified in an Indo-French Seminar held between 6-7 February, 1989 at New Delhi.

(c) The areas identified are:—

1. Organisational issues related to water.

2. Formulation of centralised data based on water.

3. Develop techniques of mass communication|media, system on demistification of new technologies.

4. Close coordination between health, water supply, engineering and education sector.

5. Creation of low cost irrigation potential.

6. Study of different facets on relationship between water and environment.

The following fields have been identified as Indian priorities:

(i) Control of pollution and depollution of aquifers.

— Aquifer management and recharge.

(ii) Advanced technologies in drinking water treatment such as:

— Ozonisation

— Membranes

— Technology for deflouridaiton of water

This should include low cost, village household technologies.

(iii) Low cost sanitation and onsite disposal and treatment system.

(iv) Advanced technologies in waste water treatment for recycling and refuge of water.