

For States/Union Territories reporting community spread, a mitigation strategy of triage and curative treatment is followed. For those not reporting community spread, the strategy is to limit/contain, the spread of infection by surveillance, early detection, isolation, treatment, contact tracing and providing Chemoprophylaxis.

Diversion of ink and paper used for currency notes

*71. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:

SHRI N.K. SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has drawn the attention of the countries supplying high quality ink and paper used for printing currency notes that their products are being diverted to anti-Indian forces, who are printing and circulating fake Indian currency notes to destabilise the Indian economy;
- (b) if so, the reactions of the countries whom Government has approached;
- (c) whether any new fool-proof technology would be enforced to check fake currency notes; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) The fake Indian currency notes detected by banks and seized by the law enforcing agencies have not made use of security paper and ink of the same specifications, as used in the Indian bank notes. Therefore, taking up the issue with countries, from where the ink and paper are procured, does not arise.

(c) and (d) The security features of the Indian bank notes are upgraded from time to time with a view to check counterfeiting. Last series of bank notes with upgraded security features was issued in 2005. New series of banknotes with further upgraded security feature is scheduled to be issued in 2011.

Financial crisis in Air India

*72. SHRI B.K HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken a final decision to rescue Air India from its present financial crisis;
- (b) whether most of the countries have got over their fixation of owning a State airline or national flag carrier;
- (c) if so, whether there are no obvious solutions for Air India within the ambit of Government ownership; and
- (d) whether Government's aid package will be conditional to Air India embarking on manpower rationalization by paring its staff to about half its current strength of 32,000?