

Snake bite

*143. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA; Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of people in India die of snake bite every year;

(b) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken to ensure proper treatment of such patients in the rural hospitals and health centres; and

(c) whether Government propose to include the subject of or chapter on snake bite in the curriculum for study of General medicine?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHA PARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Instructions have been given to State Governments to ensure availability of anti-snake. Venum Serum injections in replaceable emergency kits along with other medicine at the Primary Health Centres and Community Health Centres (Rural Hospitals) for treatment of Snake bites.

(c) The chapter on snake bite has already been included in the curriculum at the level of under-graduate medical courses.

Shortage of medicines in CGHS

*144. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state

(a) whether Government have received any complaints regarding shortage of medicines in the C.G.H.S. dispensaries and supply of sub-standard medicines to the patients through them;

(b) whether Government have set-up any machinery to ensure adequate supply of Standard medicines to the patients;

(c) whether Government have any machinery to test the quality of the medicines before they are purchased in bulk for distribution to the patients; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHA PARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) C.G.H.S. Medical Stores Depot has been entrusted with the job of ensuring adequate supply of standard medicines to the CGHS Dispensaries.

(c) and (d) All the medicines procured in bulk by the CGHS are supplied by the Medical Stores Organisation after testing each batch of medicines supplied to CGHS.

*145. [Transferred to the 11th August, 1987]

Problems in admission of SC/ST students

* 146. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA:

SHRI T.K.C. VADUTHALA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the SC/ST- and backward class students were facing problems in getting admission in colleges particularly in Delhi this year;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Dalit Students Federation had demanded that full quota reserved for SC/ST candidates in various programmes of students in Central Universities and colleges in the country should be filled up and

(c) if so, what remedial measures have been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) According to the information furnished by the University of Delhi, all the registered SC/ST students who could not possibly get admission in the colleges and approached the

University have been issued admission slips.

(b) No such demand has been received in the Department of Education.

(c) Does not arise.

Rise in incidence of malaria

*147. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the reports that the incidence of Malaria is on an increase in large areas of the country;

(b) if so, what remedial measures are being taken to effectively check the disease; and

(c) what are the long terms measures that Government propose to take to ensure that such sudden spurt in the incidence of Malaria does not take place in future?--,

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHA- PARDE): (a) to (c). The information furnished by the Union Territory Health authorities reveals that there has been a decline in the incidence of malaria in the country in recent years. However, there has been a slight increase in the total number of malaria cases in some parts of the country and this is causing concern.

Under the Modified Plan of Operation for control of Malaria which is being implemented since April 1977 the following specific measures are being taken to contain Malaria;

1. To contain the transmission of Malaria, residual insecticidal spray is being carried out in areas where Annual Parasite Incidence (API) is 2 and above.

2. Stress has been laid for regular fortnightly surveillance in all malarious areas of the country.

3. Laboratory service has been decentralised at the Primary Health Centre for prompt examination of blood smears and administration of radical treatment.

4. Drug Distribution Centres and Fever Treatment Depots are functioning in the remote areas of the country to make available anti-malaria drug to the fever cases.

5. To contain P. falciparum strain, a P. falciparum strain Containment Programme is functioning in the problem areas of the country.

Tying up of counter trade with future purchase of air craft

148. SHRI NIRMAL CHATTER

JEE:

SHRI K. MOHANAN;

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to tie up counter trade with future purchases of aircraft for Civil aviation;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the advantages to be derived therefrom; and

(c) whether this is likely to result in price reduction if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI IAGDISH TYTLER) (a) YES sir,

(b) and (c) Air India has placed letter of Intent with Messrs. Boeing to purchase 3B—747 aircraft at a total cost of approximately \$ 303.57 million of which \$ 85 million will be covered by counter trade. Counter trade is entered into to reduce the outflow of foreign exchange and to promote export of Indian products.

Diabetes among children

*149. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

SHRI KAPIL VERMA;

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

(a) what is the extent of incidence of diabetes among children in the country; and