

screening eye camp conducted by Bollineni Eye Hospital and Research Centre, Andhra Pradesh on 19-20th October, 2009 in Nellore, Andhra Pradesh.

(b) As per the findings of Central Investigating Team, the probable cause of infection was due to contaminated ringer lactate bottles.

(c) 1. "Guidelines for Pre-operative, Operative and Post operative precautions for Eye surgery" is in existence and has been circulated to the States and other eye care facilities for strict compliance.

2. As per guidelines, all identified Non-Governmental Organizations/Private Practitioners are required to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the concerned District Health Society for a period of twelve months for conducting eye operations, renewable from time to time. As long as the MoU is in operation/valid there is no need for seeking specific permission of the District Programme Manager for holding Screening camps or other approved activities under this particular scheme.

(d) With a view to improve quality in Eye care service delivery, following instruction have been issued to State Governments:-

- (i) Different fluids/solutions/drops used during eye operations should be re-autoclaved before use.
- (ii) The Eye Operations should be conducted preferably in a regularly functional operation theatre which is periodically disinfected.
- (iii) The Hospitals conducting eye surgery should have disinfection, sterilization and autoclave services available on permanent basis and universal infection control procedures are to be observed all the time.

#### **WHO's assessment of swine flu threat**

88. SHRI RAHUL BAJAJ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Health Organisation (WHO) is reviewing its assessment and response to the threat from swine flu; and

(b) whether it is a fact that swine flu vaccines are lying in stock in many developed countries?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes.

(b) Yes, many developed countries stockpiled Pandemic Influenza A H1N1 vaccine.

#### **Purchase of vaccines for swine flue**

†89. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:  
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

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

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.