

country with climatic and ecological variations is fully utilised.

8. The research work in the field of reproductive biology basic, applied and clinical and have been carried out by the ICMR's Institute for Research in Reproduction, Bombay and through a vast network of research projects throughout the country under the direct guidance of the ICMR. The practicability and acceptability of the use of different contraceptive devices and their relative merits have been analysed and safest methods found out.

9. From the foregoing it is apparent that the medical research in India is addressing itself to the problems relevant to the country. More importantly, these problems are centred round the main themes and areas that have been identified under the new 20 point programme.

10. There has also been great progress in the field of medical specialities such as cardiovascular surgery, neuro-surgery and other clinical disciplines. In these fields, research efforts are going on at the institutes by the medical faculties of colleges and hospitals. In the field of Basic Medical Science, ICMR has been able to generate foci of nucleus of trained workers. Although work on cancer research, cardiovascular diseases and other clinical problems are in the realm of assessment of the prevalence and acceptable of the main factors, it is a matter of satisfaction that these are areas in which note-worthy contributions have reached high levels.

Storage and Preservation of Drugs in the A. I. I. M. S.

1063. SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sometime back a team of Drug Control Officers discovered that drugs meant for patients in the A.I.I.M.S. were stored and preserved in highly improper and unsafe conditions by the Pharmacy Department of the Institute and if so, whether any action has been taken to improve the conditions; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor and what steps are proposed to be taken by Government to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) and (b) A Team of Drug Control officials of Delhi Administration visited the AIIMS Hospitals in October, 1979 and suggested some improvements. Again in November, 1982, the Inspectors of the Office of Drugs Controller, Delhi Administration visited the Institute Hospital. Storage conditions were, by and large found to be satisfactory. Certain suggestions were given for improving the working conditions in the Medical Store and Pharmacy. Action is being taken by the Institute to implement these suggestions, keeping in view the physical and financial inputs.

Wheat supplied to Roller Flour Mills in Maharashtra

1064. SHRIMATI SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of wheat supplied by the Food Corporation of India to the Roller Flour Mills in Maharashtra per month during the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that from August, 1980, the Food Corporation of India reduced the supply of wheat to those Mills and if so, what was the cut made in the supply per month;

(c) what are the reasons for the reduction in the supply;

(d) whether it is a fact that a marginal increase was made in the supply from March, 1981 and again from May, 1982 and if so, what is the present supply per month to these Mills;

(e) whether it is a fact that the Maharashtra Government have asked the Central Government to increase the supply of wheat and if so, what is the requirement of the Maharashtra Government; and