

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. GANDHISELVAN): (a) to (d) The Department of Commerce has stated that the time bound approval of pharma products is one of the issues in India-Japan negotiations for a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA).

Rising cases of breast cancer in the country

2500. SHRIMATI RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that with nearly 100,000 new breast cancer cases are reported every year in India and it has overtaken cervical cancer as the number one cancer afflicting among women;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the steps being taken to control this situation in our country; and
- (d) the funds allocated and used for this purpose during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. GANDHISELVAN): (a) and (b) According to National Cancer Registry Programme Report on Time Trends in Cancer Incidence Rates 1982-2005 of Indian Council of Medical Research, the estimated number of breast cancers in India in 2010 is 90,659 and of cervical cancer is 1,03,821.

By 2020, it is expected that breast cancer will overtake cervical cancer at the current rate of increase in cancer cases.

(c) and (d) The National Programme for Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS) has been approved with an outlay of Rs. 731.52 crore for Cancer for the remaining two years of the 11th Five Year Plan (2010-11 and 2011-12) for strengthening cancer care facilities in the country. There are several activities envisaged under this programme for increasing awareness, prevention, early detection and treatment for cancer cases besides strengthening the health care delivery system.

Renewal of Health Cards for Weavers

2501. SHRI ALI ANWAR ANSARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state: