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(iv) Wheat Based Supplementary Nutrition Programme

(v) Mid Day Meal programme.

In addition, Programmes for Prevention of Specific micronutrient deficiencies are being undertaken; these are:—

(i) National Iodine Deficiency Disorders Control Programme.

(ii) National Nutritional Anaemia Control Programme and Programme to prevent Vitamin 'A' deficiency which are both under the Reproductive Child Health Scheme.

(iii) A pilot Project against Micronutrient deficiencies.

Medical Treatment of Former PMs

2858. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE:

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

(a) the total expenditure incurred by the Central Government on medical treatment availed of by former Prime Ministers in foreign countries, together with their ailments and break-up of the expenses, individual-wise during the last three years;

(b) the cases whether the foreign medical facilities were insisted upon and availed even though comparable medical facilities were available in India and the reasons for granting sanctions therefore; and

(c) whether retired class I officers of the Central Government are also, as a rule, permitted to avail of foreign medical facilities and if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) The detailed information is given in the Statements— I to IV. (*See below*)

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir. The Central Services (Medical Attendance) Rules, 1944 under which "treatment-abroad cases" are considered, are not applicable to retired Government servants.

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STATEMENT-I

Statement of Treatment Abroad during 1996-97

SI. No.	Name	Disease	Expenditure incurred	
1.	Sh. V.P. Singh Former P.M.	Renal failure	Rs. 6,54,348.58 Rs. 4,04,982.00 Rs. 1,06,75,377.00 Rs. 1,17,34,707.58	Med. Treatment Air-fare for self and attendant SPG abroad Total

STATEMENT-II

Statement of Treatment Abroad during 1997-98

SI. No.	Name	Disease	Expenditure incurred	
1.	Sh. V.P. Singh Former P.M.	Renal failure	Rs. 2,95,062.00 Rs. 37,04,362.08 Rs. 75,25,952.00 Rs. 1,15,25,376.08	Air fare Treatment S.P.G. abroad Total

STATEMENT-III

Statement of Treatment Abroad during 1998-99

SI. No.	Name	Disease	Expenditure incurred	
1.	Sh. V.P. Singh Former P.M.	Renal failure	Rs. 5,34,592.00 Rs. 5,02,514.00 Rs. 5,45,319.00	Air-fare Delhi to USA paid in Air-fare to London paid in 1 1/98 Air-fare Delhi to USA paid in

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Sl. No.	Name	Disease	Expenditure incurred	
			Rs. 2,29,07,813.00	S.P.G. abroad
			Rs. 3,04,40,960.92	Total
2.	Sh. P.V. Narasimha Rao Former P.M.	NID1M with Isc- haemic heart dis- ease with TIA on left MCA territory	Rs. 3,74,596.00 Rs. 3,89,794.00 Exp. in USA US \$ 7150.00 US \$ 12094.34 L ^{ic} \$ 2683.50 US \$ 29266.11 US \$ 55716.16	Air fare Delhi to to USA with doctor and atten- dant paid in Feb. 99 paid in June, 99 Cash allowance Hotel accom- modation Air fare within USA Transportation Charges Medical Bills
		Total	US \$ 106910.11 (R	s. 46,29,210.00)
		Total: G.	Exp. in U.K.	Hotel accommo-
		Total:	Rs. 84,227.40	dation, hiring of
		Total SI.	(March-98)	car.
			Rs. 3,83,994.11	Hotel,
			(Nov. 98)	medical bill, cash
			Rs. 53,821.11	Rs. allowance &
			5,21,992.62	Rs. ambulance.
			59,15,592.62	Medical Bill
No. I&2 Rs. 3,63,56,553.54				

STATEMENT-IV*Statement of Treatment Abroad during 1999-2000*

SI. No.	Name	Disease	Expenditure incurred	
1.	Sh. V.P. Singh Former P.M.	Renal failure	Rs. 48,518/-	Air-fare to UK paid to Dr. M. Wali, Personal Physician.
			Rs. 1,24,45,859/-	Med. Treatment
			Rs. 56,44,673/-	S.P.G. abroad
			Rs. 1,81,39,050/-	Total

Anti-rabies serum

2859. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Anti-rabies serum stocks have dwindled in the country, including in Karnataka;

(b) if so, what is the average requirement of anti-rabies serum;

(c) whether there is any proposal to step up indigenously manufactured ARS from the Central Research Institute, Kasauli; and

(d) the steps taken to import ARS from France, Italy or Switzerland, to tide over the present public health crises?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (d) According to an estimate given by National Institute of Communicable Diseases, Delhi, about 1500 litres of Anti-rabies serum is required annually in the country. However, Central Research Institute, Kasauli has never received demand to this extent.

Central Research Institute, Kasauli is able to supply almost the entire demand of ARS as requested by various consignees. In the Central Research Institute, Kasauli annual production capacity of ARS has been increased from 200 litres to 250 litres.