

mined by the All India Institute of Medical Sciences quite a good number were found to have excessive lead in their blood and 6 children had it even in their bones; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV): (a) Use of lead in printing press can be a health hazard to the workers who come in contact with lead during the course of their duty. Children who chew magazines, newspapers and other non-food materials are at a risk of absorbing excessive amounts of lead which may lead to lead poisoning.

(b) An estimation of lead was done in the blood of 100 children with pica (the habit of ingesting or mouthing non-food object) and 100 control children. Some children had blood-lead level higher than that in children who did not eat non-food objects.

(c) 1. In the printing presses the following steps are taken usually:

(i) General examination of workers and treatment to them whenever they are suspected of having lead poisoning.

(ii) Workers who are handling lead during the course of their duty are advised to take calcium tablets and drinking of milk.

(iii) Such workers are advised to take plenty of fluids while working and at home.

(iv) Alternate jobs other than handling lead are given to the workers suspected of having lead poisoning.

2. Health Education of parents is necessary to see that children do not ingest non-food objects in order to prevent them from lead poisoning.

Study conducted by the Calcutta Medical Research Institute on Blood Donated by Professional Donors

622. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a recent study conducted by the Calcutta Medical Research Institute on the quality of blood of professional donors has revealed that in 9 out of 10 cases blood has been found to be deficient in haemoglobin and thereby cannot benefit the patients to whom such blood is transfused;

(b) whether it is a fact that the donors of blood included persons suffering from syphilis; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard at the national level?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Enquiry against the Director of the Central Tuber Crops Research Institute, Trivandrum

623. SHRI T. BASHEER: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have instituted an enquiry against the Director of the Central Tuber Crops Research Institute, Trivandrum, for alleged corrupt practices; and

(b) if so, what are the findings of the enquiry and what steps Government have taken or propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) and (b) The C.B.I. investigated the complaints and submitted their report. They recommended departmental action against the Director,

Central Tuber Crops Research Institute, Trivandrum. An enquiry into the allegations is now being made by the Commissioner for Departmental Enquiries, Central Vigilance Commission, New Delhi.

Loss of Foreign Exchange Earnings and Employment opportunities due to Prohibition

624. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment regarding the loss in foreign exchange earnings and the number of persons likely to be rendered unemployed as a result of enforcement of complete prohibition in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUNDER): (a) The speed and manner in which the policy of complete prohibition will be enforced by the State Governments is not yet known. Hence, it is premature to estimate the loss of foreign exchange earnings and the exact number of persons who will become unemployed as a result of implementation of total prohibition.

(b) Does not arise.

Conference on 'Community Action Family Nutrition Programmes'

625. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Conference on 'Community Action Family Nutrition Programmes' was held in Hyderabad during the third week of October, 1977;

(b) if so, what are the names of the delegates who participated in the Conference; and

(c) what are the details of the recommendations made at the Conference?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV): (a) Yes.

(b) The list of participants is enclosed in the statement.

(c) The detailed recommendations and proceedings are yet to be published.

Statement

List of participants in the Working Conference of the International Union of Nutritional Sciences held with UNICEF support at the National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad from 17th to 21st October, 1977.

International Union of Nutritional Sciences

1. Dr. C. Gopalan, New Delhi.
2. Dr. Derrick B. Jelliffe, USA.
3. Prof. Jamal K. Jarfoucha, Lebanon.
4. Dr. Mehari Gabre-Medhin, Sweden.
5. Prof. D. Picou, Jamaica.
6. Mrs. Patrice Jelliffe, California, USA.
7. Dr. Gonzalo Donose, WHO Regional Nutrition Adviser, New Delhi.
8. Dr. M. King, UNICEF, New Delhi.
9. Dr. M. Carballo, Switzerland.

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10. Dr. J. P. Greaves, UNICEF, New Delhi.
11. Mr. J. Mc Dowell, Nairobi, Kenya.
12. Dr. R. C. Carrieece, Programme Officer (Nut.), Jakarta.