

**Meeting of (he 'FLU' Experts of WHO at Geneva**

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

(a) whether an emergency meeting of 'FLU' experts of the World Health Organisation was held at Geneva on the 8th April, 1976;

(b) whether the World Health Organisation has appealed to all countries to be prepared for a fresh 'Flu' epidemic; and

(c) if so, what steps Government have taken or propose to take to avert this epidemic ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (CHAUDHARY RAM SEWAK) : (a) and (b) A group of 22 International 'Flu' experts from 16 countries after a meeting for 2 days in Geneva under the auspices of the WHO recommended that health authorities would be wise to prepare contingency plans for possible 'Flu' epidemic.

(c) A statement containing the required information is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

**Statement**

The following Institutes which are collaborating with WHO in surveillance against Influenza have been alerted in order to detect any possible spread of the new strain to this country.

- (i) Central Research Institute, Kasauli. (ii) Pasteur Institute, Coonoor. (iii) Haffkine Institute, Bombay.

State authorities have been alerted in order to make contingency plans in the event of an epidemic spread of the disease. These include public education, providing of enough doctors, para-medical staff, hospitals beds and providing of reserve stock of sulphonamides, anti-biotics and other useful medicines.

**Report of the expert team on utilisation of irrigation facilities**

\*88. SHRI LAKSHMANA MAHA-PATRO : DR. Z. A. AHMAD : SHRI SANAT KUMAR RAHA :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the expert team appointed to go into the question of better utilisation of irrigation facilities in the country has submitted its report; and

(b) if so, what are the main recommendations of the team and what action has been taken thereon ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI K. N. SINGH) : (a) The expert team appointed to go into the question of better utilisation of irrigation facilities from storage projects has so far visited 9 projects and, as a result of discussions with counterpart State teams and project authorities, has made its recommendations and sent them to the concerned States for implementation.

(b) The recommendations vary from project to project and cover engineering, agronomic and related aspects of water use in irrigation projects.

**Legislation on compulsory sterilization in States**

-89. SHRIMATI LAKSHMI KUMARI CHUNDAWAT : SHRI SAT PAUL MITTAL : SHRI SAWAISTNGH SISODTA : SHRI MAHENDRA BAHADUR SINGH : SHRI PRAKASH VEER SHAS-TRI :

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the decision to introduce compulsory sterilization as part of the family planning programme has been left to the State Governments;

(b) whether the Central Government have given any guidelines to the State Governments in this regard; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (CHOUHARY RAM SEV/AK) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The details are given in para 15 of the National Population Policy Statement which has been laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha on 10-5-1976.

**Integrated Child Development Programme**

\*90. SHRI B. RACHAIAH : Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any scheme under Government's consideration to introduce integrated child development programme; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the scheme ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

**Statement**

1. Government have sanctioned the scheme of Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) on an experimental basis.

2. The objectives of the scheme are :

(i) to improve the nutritional and health status of children in the age group 0—6 years;

(ii) to lay the foundations for proper psychological, physical and social development of the child;

(iii) to reduce the incidence of mortality, morbidity, malnutrition and school drop-out;

(iv) to achieve effective coordination of policy and implementation among the various departments to promote child development; and

(v) to enhance the capability of the mother to look after the normal health and nutritional needs of the child through proper nutrition and health education.

3. The scheme envisages the following package of services :

(i) supplementary nutrition for needy pre-school children, pregnant women and nursing mothers;

(ii) immunisation, health check-up and referral services for pre-school children, pregnant women and nursing mothers;

(iii) health and nutrition education for pregnant women, nursing mothers and other women (15—44 years); and

(iv) non-formal education for pre-school children.

4. 33 experimental ICDS projects have been sanctioned and further expansion will depend on the results of the experimental projects,

**Assistance given by the Central Government for Dairy Development**

72. PROF. RAMLAL PARIKH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state :

(a) the quantum of assistance given by the Central Government for Dairy Development to various States during the last three years;

(b) the assistance given to the various institutions in Gujarat during the last three years for Dairy Development;

(c) the allocation made in the Fifth Five Year Plan for the grant of assistance to institutions in Gujarat for this purpose; and

(d) the criteria adopted for giving assistance to different States and institutions in the States for Dairy Development ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI PRABHUDAS PATEL) : (a) The Central Financial Assistance for Dairy Development during the last three years to States has been given by way of block loans and block grants for the entire State Plan as a whole and as such the financial assistance provided for the State Annual Plan cannot be related to any particular project or programme. The Indian Dairy Corporation, a Govt. of India Undertaking has also been given financial assistance in the form of loans and grants for Dairy Development to the States covered under the World Food