

Meeting of the '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

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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

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SHRI PRAKASH VEER SHASTRI :

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 ?