

Andhra Pradesh Agro-Industries Corporation	500
Bihar Agro-Industries Corporation	400
Gujarat Agro-Industries Corporation	500
Haryana Agro-Industries Corporation	2,000
Karnataka Agro-Industries Corporation	1,200
Kerala Agro-Industries Corporation	100
Punjab Agro-Industries Corporation	2200
Rajasthan Agro-Industries Corporation	250
U. P. Agro-Industries Corporation	650

Special quotas of scarce raw materials namely cement and iron and steel required for construction of gobar gas plants are being arranged by the Government to ensure their supply at controlled rates as far as possible.

W. H. O. Co-operation for Eradication of Leprosy

1019. SHRI DEORAO PATIL : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have sought assistance from World Health Organisation for the eradication of Leprosy from the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the response of the W. H. O. thereto ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI A. K. M. ISHAQUE): (a) to (c) The W. H. O. have been informally approached to examine the possibility of providing assistance for eradication of Leprosy in the country. The detailed proposal for assistance etc., are yet to be worked out. The matter is proposed to be discussed with the W. H. O. officials at the time of World Health Assembly in May, 1975.

Shortage of Essential Medicines and Staff in the C. G. H. S. Dispensaries

1020. DR. K. MATHEW KURIAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an acute shortage of essential medicines in all C. G. H. S. dispensaries of Delhi if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is a fact that the staff especially the medical officers posted in C. G. H. S. dispensaries is not sufficient; if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the medical officers have to do more paper work than their professional work; if so, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI A. K. M. ISHAQUE) :

(a) There is no acute shortage of essential medicines in the C. G. H. S. dispensaries.

(b) It is fact that during the year 1974, the strength of Medical Officers posted in C.G.H.S. dispensaries was not sufficient on account of deputation on foreign service, resignations and transfers to other organisations etc. However, orders of appointment have been issued to new doctors and they have started joining. The position is expected to improve shortly.

(c) No. But they are required to write chits for restricted items so that proper accounting of costly medicines could be maintained.

Eradication of Small-pox

1021. SHRI AWADHESHWAR PRASAD SINHA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Times of India of 13th February, 1975 to the effect that the Director General of Health Services, Government of India is reported to have claimed that the Smallpox has been virtually eradicated in India; and

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