

by providing funds and commodities as per their project implementation plans under National Rural Health Mission. However, the programme is primarily being implemented through the State/UT Governments.

(d) and (e) No technique of genetically engineered mosquitoes for vector control is currently available for use as a public health tool.

Decrease polio cases in the country

887. SHRI T.M. SELVAGANAPATHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to a World Health Organisation (WHO) report, India is well on the way to eradicating the polio virus;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there has been a sharp decrease in the number of polio cases reported this year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) There is no report of the World Health Organization (WHO) mentioning that India is well on the way to eradicating the polio virus. However, at a recent meeting of the India Expert Advisory Group (IEAG) on polio eradication, which comprised of national and international experts in the field of epidemiology, paediatrics and public health and representatives of global partners in polio eradication - Rotary International, WHO, CDC and UNICEF, it was concluded that the epidemiological, genetic, serological, operational and technical evidence show that India is on right path to polio eradication. In 2010, India has the lowest ever polio transmission levels, especially during the high transmission season, amidst high quality surveillance.

(c) and (d) Yes. It is a fact that there has been a sharp decline in the number of polio cases reported this year. There are 39 polio cases in the country as on 03.11.2010 compared to 568 polio cases in the corresponding period of 2009.

Revival of Scooters India Ltd.

888. SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN:

SHRI JAI PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the revival process of the Scooters India Limited (SIL) is being carried out without taking the unions/association into confidence;