

etc are organized to sensitize the community. Further, each year, the month of June is also observed as 'Anti-Malaria month.

The programme is primarily being implemented through the State/UT Governments and is periodically monitored by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare through review meetings, field visits and follow-up actions.

#### **Uniform taxation in all states**

†189. SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any matter is under consideration of Government to bring uniformity in taxes in all States of the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when a decision in the matter is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government has announced its intent to introduce Goods and Services Tax (GST) in the country. One of the important objectives of introducing GST is to minimize the difference of tax rates in different States and consequently establish a common national market.

The Empowered Committee of State Finance Ministers (EC) has proposed a dual GST model for the country, which has been accepted in principle by the Central Government. The introduction of this dual GST model requires certain amendments in the Constitution. A draft Constitutional amendment bill has accordingly been prepared and sent to the EC for obtaining the view of the States. The draft Constitutional amendment bill envisages inter-alia, setting up of a GST Council which will recommend to the Centre and the Centres States, the tax rates, items to be exempted, registration threshold, etc. EC is yet to revert back with its clear view on the draft. Since developing consensus on such issues generally takes time, it is not possible to indicate any time limit by which a decision for introduction of the constitutional amendment bill in the Parliament will be taken.

#### **Change in computation of price index in the country**

†\*190. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.