

III effects of using kerosene lamps

2091. SHRI THOMAS SANGMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether high level of indoor pollution, particularly due to kerosene lamps has deleterious effect particularly on rural women and children a majority of whom spend long hours by the side of such lamps;

(b) whether there is a need for gradually transferring the subsidies on kerosene to launch a new programme for cleaner sources of fuel such as solar lamps, biogas, wind power etc. for domestic lighting in rural areas;

(c) if so, whether the Ministry initiated steps in this direction in consultation with other Ministries like Ministries of Petroleum, Finance, Renewable Energy and Planning Commission; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) As per WHO high level of indoor Air Pollution is known to be associated with pneumonia in Children, Chronic respiratory disease and lung cancer. Indoor Air Pollution primarily affects women and children who spend the most of their time near the cooking fire. Kerosene lamps are one of the contributors to indoor Air Pollution.

(b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) and (d) No steps have been initiated in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for transferring of subsidies on kerosene to launch a new programme for cleaner sources of fuel.

National Malaria Eradication Programme

2092. SHRI ISHWAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Malaria Eradication Programme was launched by Government years ago;

(b) if so, whether Government has any figure of exact number of people died due to this killer disease since the implementation of the programme;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of assistance provided to State Governments to control and eradicate Malaria in the last three years and to what extent Government has succeeded in controlling the disease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI