

6. The Central Government under the scheme of 'Strengthening and Upgradation of State Government Medical Colleges' is providing financial support to State medical colleges to increase postgraduate seats in various disciplines or start new postgraduate medical courses.

(d) Does not arise.

Spreading of CCHF virus

90. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that according to WHO's latest map on the geographic distribution of Crimean Congo Haemorrhagic Fever (CCHF) virus with 40 per cent fatality rate is present all over India except Jammu and Kashmir and it has so far taken a toll of 3 human lives in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the strategy of the Ministry to check the spread and eradication of CCHF virus?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) to (c) There is no latest map by WHO on geographic distribution of Crimean Congo Haemorrhagic Fever (CCHF) implying widespread presence of the disease among humans in India.

There has been an outbreak of Crimean Congo Haemorrhagic Fever (CCHF) in Gujarat in January 2011. As on 14.02.2011, there were nine laboratory confirmed cases with two deaths.

The strategy for limiting the spread of CCHF includes early case detection and management through surveillance; coordination with Department of Animal Husbandry for animal health surveillance and control of ticks through anti tick measures.

Screening of toys for toxicity

91. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to screen all the toys available in the domestic markets for toxicity;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to ban imported toys which are coated with substances comprising heavy metals such as lead and cadmium, which can be injurious to the health of children?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. GANDHISELVAN) : (a) to (c) As per Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Directorate General of Foreign Trade), the import of toys is subject to prescribed Quality Standards and requirement of being tested by an independent lab duly accredited under International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC), Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA).

Medical courses in the IITs

†92. SHRI ISHWARLAL SHANKARLAL JAIN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is planning to start medical courses in the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this initiative of the Ministry is expected to get approved by Government;

(d) whether in these courses health information technology, bio-medical engineering and e—health courses are supposed to be included; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) to (e) The Ministry of Human Resource Development (Department of Higher Education) has informed that the Council of Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), in its 41st meeting held on 10th September, 2010, *inter-alia* decided that the scope of the provisions of the Institutes of Technology Act, 1961, may be widened to include 'medicine' also, as a large area of medical study now involve engineering techniques.

Awareness programme about kidney problems

93. SHRI P. RAJEEVE : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.