

#### **Norms for establishing medical colleges**

83. SHRI S. THANGAVELU : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Medical Council of India (MCI) has recommended relaxation of norms for setting up medical colleges including changing the student to bed ratio in college hospitals to 1:5 from 1:8 and also increased the retirement age of teachers to 70 years from 65 years;

(b) whether the MCI has also recommended decreasing the land ceiling for setting up medical colleges and hospitals to 10 acres from the existing 25 acres; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the stance of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) to (c) The Medical Council of India (MCI) *inter-alia* recommended relaxation in requirement of bed and bed strength, raising the maximum age for appointment of faculty from 65 to 70 years and decreasing the land requirement for setting up of medical colleges from the existing 20 acres to 10 acres. The recommendations of MCI in respect of bed requirement, bed strength and maximum age for appointment of faculty were approved and notified by the Central Government.

#### **Incidents of deaths due to CCHF virus**

84. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA :

SHRI T.M. SELVAGANAPATHI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Crimean Congo Haemorrhagic Fever (CCHF) virus has spread across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that many casualties took place recently due to Congo virus related diseases;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether it is also a fact that a six member team visited many parts of the country; and

(f) if so, their report thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) and (b) No. The outbreak of Crimean Congo Haemorrhagic Fever (CCHF) is only reported from the State of Gujarat in January, 2011 .

(c) and (d) As on 14.02.2011, there had been 9 laboratory confirmed cases of which two died.

(e) and (f) Yes. A six member team was deputed to the State of Gujarat by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. The team visited the affected areas from 20-23 January, 2011. Based on the laboratory report of National Institute of Virology, Pune, the central team concluded that the outbreak is caused by Crimean Congo Haemorrhagic Fever (CCHF) virus and it is present in the environment in ticks and cattles. The team recommended isolation and treatment of cases following universal precautions, management of cases as per the clinical case management protocol, surveillance in the affected area to detect new cases, surveillance among domestic animals, residual spray and other ante-tick control measures including personal protection measures.

#### **Success of family planning programme**

85. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the family planning programme in the country has been successful as per the prescribed target fixed in this regard;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor and the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether Government proposes to reconsider the scheme;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) and (b) Family Planning Programme in India is target free and voluntary in nature and as such no target is prescribed.

The program has come a long way. While 14 States have already achieved the replacement level *i.e.* Total Fertility Rate (TFR) of 2.1, 12 States have TFR between 2.1 and 3 and 9 States (Bihar, UP, Rajasthan, MP, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Meghalaya, Nagaland and D & N Haveli) have TFR of more than 3.