

- Upgradation of DPT group of vaccine manufacturing facility at Pasteur Institute of India (PII), Coonoor has been approved. The preliminary work at ground level has started.
- Upgradation of BCG Vaccine Laboratory, Guindy for manufacturing of Bacillus Calmette—Gue'rin (BCG) vaccine has been approved and the project has started.

Rise in cases of chronic diseases in the country

2694. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that there is a rapid increase in number of people suffering from chronic diseases in the country;

(b) if so, whether the existing healthcare facilities are not found adequate to treat patients of such chronic diseases in the Country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to ensure that the patients suffering from chronic diseases are given due treatment and timely attention?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) Yes. While health is a State Subject, assistance is provided for strengthening of healthcare system and facilities for treatment of all diseases including chronic diseases under various health programme of Government of India. These programmes include, National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS), National Programme for Health Care of Elderly (NPHCE), etc. The programmes focus on awareness generation for behaviour and life-style changes, early diagnosis of persons having chronic diseases and their referral to higher facilities for appropriate management of these diseases. Patients are being treated in the Government healthcare delivery system through Primary Health Centres, Community Health Centres and District Hospitals besides Government Medical colleges and tertiary health care institutions.

Illegal trading of human organs

2695. SHRI PARSHOTTAM KHODABHAI RUPALA:

SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA:

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