

Supply of Hepatitis B Vaccine to Government Hospitals

2694. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) what is the policy of Government regarding supply of Hepatitis B injections to Government hospitals;
- (b) whether there is any special fund for this; and
- (c) if so, the details of fund allocation, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Government of India is implementing a pilot project of Hepatitis-B in 15 cities (2002-2003) and 33 Districts (2003-2004). Under the project, Hepatitis B vaccination is provided free of cost to infants (0-1 year only) along with DPT Hepatitis-B vaccinations is provided at all Immunization sites in the project area. These are Government hospitals, Dispensaries, Primary Health Centres, Sub-Centres etc. Hepatitis B injection, auto-disposable syringes and safety boxes are being supplied by Global Alliance for Vaccines & Immunization (GAVI) and are being distributed by Medical Store Departments of Ministry of Health.

Change of Sex

2695. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware that Indian Medical science has been successful in sex change;
- (b) if so, the number of persons who have changed their sex so far; and
- (c) how far the female population in the country will be protected from the shortfall?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

- (b) There is no national registry for collection of such data as on today.
- (c) There is no programme/ scheme presently functioning for controlling sex change in the adult population. However to prevent sex selection in