

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) alongwith 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 ASIMAZMI: 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