

Misuse of life saving drugs

†3647. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that life saving drugs are being misused in different parts of the country including Delhi;
- (b) if so, whether Government proposes to take any steps to check this;
- (c) if so, by when and the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. HARSH VARDHAN): (a) The term life-saving drugs has not been defined.

(b) to (d) Do not arise .

Tropical diseases in India

3648. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

- (a) whether India continues to rank high on poor-man's diseases *i.e.* dengue, rabies and other tropical diseases etc., as per WHO report;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether as per the report this menace further adds to poverty, especially amongst the rural masses; and
- (d) if so, the action plan of Government to address this grim issue?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. HARSH VARDHAN): (a) to (d) The main tropical diseases in India include Dengue, Trachoma, Leprosy, Lymphatic Filariasis, Soil-transmitted Helminthiases, Rabies and Kala-azar. The prevalence of these tropical diseases depends on climatic conditions, socio-economic conditions, inappropriate health seeking behavior, migration of population as well as emerging drug and insecticide resistance.

As per the First WHO Report on neglected tropical diseases 2010, these diseases have significant impact on the productivity of individuals, households, communities and nations.

Health is a State subject. However, Government of India supplements the efforts of State Governments. The following national programmes in relation to tropical diseases are being implemented :

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