

been undertaken by Central Government under a capacity building project to be implemented with World Bank assistance.

- (vii) In order to ensure speedy information exchange and networking of all States and Central Drugs Control Offices and laboratories, a computerization project has been undertaken by Central Government.
- (viii) A specialized training programme for drugs control officers of all State Governments responsible for keeping surveillance over possible movement of spurious drugs has been formulated and was conducted from 25 June, 2003 by Central Government in cooperation with FDA, Maharashtra at Mumbai.

Rise in diabetes and cardio vascular diseases

1568. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Madras Diabetics Research Foundation has warned of high incidence of diabetes and cardio vascular diseases;
- (b) whether Government, keeping in view the serious situation, propose to launch a preventive programme; and
- (c) the steps Government are taking to bring about changes in eating habits of the people?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. As diabetes and Cardio Vascular diseases (CVD) are lifestyle related diseases, it is very important to adopt preventive lifestyle intervention measures such as healthy diet, increased physical activity, avoidance to tobacco and stress, weight reduction etc. for control of diabetes and CVD in the country. These interventions are being emphasized through Information, Education & Communication (IEC) activities of the Government including through Central Health Education Bureau (CHEB).