

Deaths of Children due to Malnutrition in M.P. and Rajasthan

†1865. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of children died due to malnutrition in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan during the period 1999-2001 to October, 2002;

(b) the steps taken by the State Governments and Government under mutual co-operation alongwith the details of achievements made so far in this regard; and

(c) the details of effective steps being contemplated by Government and the State Governments concerned to check such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) The details of number of child deaths due to-malnutrition are not being centrally maintained.

(b) and (c) Malnutrition is a multi-faceted problem. In this regard, the Government have, interalia, taken various steps to improve agriculture production and the purchasing power of the people through income generating schemes. It also makes available the essential food items at subsidized rates through Public Distribution System. The Government, in association with the State Governments, is also implementing a number of schemes like Integrated Child Development Services, National Programme of Nutritional Support to Primary Education (Mid-Day Meal Scheme), Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana etc. for this purpose. The efforts are also being supplemented though supply of food grains to needy States by World Food Programme (WFP), Cooperative for Assistance & Relief Everywhere (CARE) etc.

National Plan to control Cancer

1866. SHRI P.G. NARAYANAN: Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any National Plan has been formulated by Government in order to control cancer;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

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