

submit that no policy could be formulated by sacrificing the nations interests nor anything could be done. Every action should be within the limits. In the changed scenario if war against poverty is to be launched then Iran and China could be our strong allies. I do not think any other nation could give us enough of required support.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, therefore, on this issue we will have to incorporate and maintain balance between our national interests and democratic conventions. The views expressed both by my colleagues and Shri Bhatia are quite relevant... (*Interruptions*)... We have got 40 years old conventions on Tibet. We have to ponder over the issue by keeping in mind the national interests as well as these conventions. I would like to categorically submit that democratic ideals and national interests are quite clear to us and we think that in the light of our friendly relations with China it is all the more relevant.

[English]

MR. SPEAKER: I think no more discussion is required. We have this question, answer and a discussion. Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee, do you want to ask any question?

[Translation]

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Mr. Speaker, Sir, what all has been submitted is quite relevant. However, I think the question is not that relevant.

[English]

MR. SPEAKER: I think the House has expressed its view through the question-answers in clear terms. Some of these things are double edged. The time

is also important. All these facts will be taken into account by all the concerned.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Village Health Guides

*285. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE:

SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Village Health Guides at present, State/Union Territory-wise;

(b) the honorarium being paid to them for their services;

(c) whether the Government propose to increase the honorarium;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether there is any proposal to abolish the Village Health Guide scheme; and

(g) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) A *Statement* is attached.

(b) Rs. 50/- per month.

(c) No. Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) to (g). Some States have abolished the scheme, as it is not serving a useful purpose.

STATEMENT*No. of Village Health Guides in the Country*

Sl. No.	State/UT	No. of VHGs reported to be working			Period upto which information relates to
		Male	Female	Total	
1.	Andhra Pradesh	INR	INR	32120**	1.4.93
2.	Arunachal Pradesh [§]				
3.	Assam	NIL	11001	11001	31.12.91
4.	Bihar	INR	INR	10431*	31.3.85
5.	Goa [£]	NIL	NIL	NIL	31.12.93
6.	Gujarat	NIL	3004	3004	30.9.93
7.	Haryana	NIL	270	270	30.6.90
8.	Himachal Pradesh	3067	383	3450	31.12.93
9.	J & K [§]				
10.	Karnataka	12681	2447	15128	31.12.92
11.	Kerala [§]				
12.	Madhya Pradesh	32546	1147	33693	30.9.89
13.	Maharashtra	12589	22206	34795	30.9.93
14.	Manipur	1107	590	1697	31.3.91
15.	Meghalaya	137	1159	1296	31.3.87
16.	Mizoram	359	176	535	30.6.93
17.	Nagaland	349	199	548	31.3.91
18.	Orissa	16530	4487	21017	31.3.92
19.	Punjab	1196	10461	11657	31.3.90
20.	Rajasthan	6289	2693	8982	30.9.89
21.	Sikkim	180	60	240	30.6.91
22.	Tamil Nadu [§]				
23.	Tripura	1050	787	1837	31.3.93
24.	Uttar Pradesh	NA	NA	90111*	31.12.92

Sl. No.	State/UT	No. of VHGs reported to be working			Period upto which information relates to
		Male	Female	Total	
25.	West Bengal	30905	9328	40233	31.3.93
26.	A & N Islands	98	108	206	30.9.93
27.	Chandigarh	20	22	42	30.9.93
28.	D & N Haveli	18	1	19	30.6.91
29.	Daman & Diu [£]	NIL	NIL	NIL	30.9.93
30.	Delhi	NIL	NIL	NIL	30.9.87
31.	Lakshadweep	2	18	20	31.12.91
32.	Pondicherry	140	41	181	30.9.93
Total				322513[@]	

Notes:

INR - Information not received.

& - Alternative Health Guide Scheme was implemented in these States/UTs.

* - Separate Male & Female break-up is not available.

£ - The VHG Scheme has been discontinued in Goa, Daman & Diu since 1.8.95

** - Discontinued w.e.f. 1.10.93 by the State Govt.

@ - Inclusive of VHGs of Andhra Pradesh.

NA - Not available.

[Translation]**Japanese Encephalitis**

*286. SHRI B.L. SHARMA PREM:
Will the Minister of HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Japanese encephalitis is spreading rapidly in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of persons reported dead in each State due to this disease during the last three years;

(d) the amount earmarked for 1993-94 to check this disease; and

(e) the steps taken to control this disease?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B.
SHANKARANAND): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The State-wise details are given below:—