

that mosquitoes have become immune to these pesticides. Therefore, I would like to know from the Government whether some new pesticides have been developed to central juvenal mosquitoes and if not, whether Government propose to do so?

[English]

SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR : I have already said that we have set up a Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. S. Patnaik, an eminent malaria expert of our country, to study the problem of malaria and also the problem of dogged resistance in certain pockets of our country.

12.00 hrs.

[Translation]

SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI : Sir, I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether it is a fact that all efforts made by the man have failed. DDT proved ineffective, BHC, Gamexine proved ineffective. Even manrathion costing ten-times more has proved ineffective. So, I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether Ayurvedic medicines will be tried as all other medicines have become ineffective, have failed. In Ayurvedic system it is said :

"Mithyaha Viharalyam dosahahay moshyazamah; Varhanirasya Koshtagiri jwaradah Syursanuga;

which means wrong diet and behaviour are the main causes of disease. All the drugs have failed to cure Malaria.

[English]

SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR : The effectiveness of the medicine has not failed. The hon. Member, Shri Joshi has given a good suggestion and the Government of India is involving the Ayurvedic system also. He will be happy to know that we have ordered about 2 crore tablets of *ayush 64* under Malaria Programme.

As you know, Sir, *ayush 64* is an Ayurvedic product. We are considering use of Dhupam *Samgari* also under Malaria Programme.

So, we are involving our Indian system of medicine also in controlling this disease.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

Iodised Salt

*505. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it has been proposed to make available iodised salt to large percent of our population;

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard;

(c) the quantity of iodised salt required and its present production; and

(d) the steps taken to cover the entire population in the country by 2000 A.D.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Govt. has initiated steps to increase manufacturing capacity of iodised salt.

(c) The requirement of iodised salt is 50 lakh tonnes per annum. The production is of the order of 34 lakh tonnes due to sluggish demand.

(d) 641 Units in the Private Sector have been licensed to commence salt production. This should meet the requirement of the country when they achieve their production capacity.

Mental Hospitals

*506. SHRIMATI KRISHNENDRA KAUR (DEEPA): Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any review of the working of mental health institutes in both private and Government have been conducted;

(b) if so, whether the review report has been submitted to the Government; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government on the report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA) : (a) to (c). No comprehensive review of the working of Private and Government Mental Health Institutes has been conducted. However, the functioning of some Mental Institutions has been reviewed. Functioning of National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Science (NIMHANS), Bangalore was reviewed. As per the directions of Supreme Court of India, functioning of Institute of Human Behaviour & Allied Sciences (IHBAS), Shahdara, Ranchi Mansik Arogayashala, Ranchi, Gwalior Mansik Arogayashala, Gwalior, Agro Mansik Arogayashala, Agra and Lok Priya Gopinath Bordoloi Institute of Mental Health, Tejpur have been reviewed.

NIMHANS, Bangalore has been accorded a Deemed to be University Status. IHBAS, Shahdara has been registered as a Society and higher financial allocation has been made. Ranchi Mansik Arogayashala, Ranchi, Gwalior Mansik Arogayashala Gwalior, Agra Mansik Arogayashala, Agra have been made autonomous institutions. An Interim Board of Administrators has been constituted in Lok Priya Gopinath Bordoloi Institute of Mental Health, Tejpur as a step for making it an autonomous institute.