

about it. In order to curb the galloping population growth, it is considered imperative to undertake new initiatives. In this context, all aspects of implementation of the Family Welfare Programme are being looked into. This involves gearing up of the entire implementation machinery in close consultation with State, UT Governments, greater emphasis on maternal and Child health care programme, launching of innovative Information, Education and Communication efforts, improvement in the quality of services, better arrangements for supply and distribution of contraceptives at the doorsteps of acceptors, increased coverage of younger couples with high fertility potential under spacing methods of contraception, institutionalisation of mechanisms for inter-sectoral co-ordination and initiatives to seek involvement of Non-Governmental Organisations in supplementing and complementing Government efforts in the delivery of Family Welfare services and generation of demand for these services.

Deaths due to Mysterious Disease in Delhi

813. **Shri Yashwantrao Patil :**
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Will the Minister of Health and Family Welfare be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a mysterious disease has claimed seventeen lives during the past one week in Delhi ;

(b) whether the symptoms in all the cases have been similar ;

(c) the number of patients suffering from the disease admitted in the various hospitals in Delhi ; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken to prevent the spread of disease in Delhi and neighbouring areas ?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (Shrimati D. K. Thara Devi Siddhartha) : (a) to (d) : A number of cases were admitted to some of the hospitals of Delhi during the last week of June and first 10 days of July, 1991 with high fever and semi-consciousness/unconsciousness. They had no other clinical signs or symptoms to indicate any specific disease. These cases have been diagnosed as heat hyperpyrexia. Thus, the disease cannot be described as mysterious so far as action to prevent the spread of the disease is concerned, experts are of the opinion that as disease is not a communicable one, there are no apprehensions of its spread. Hospital-wise distribution of admission and deaths has been given in the enclosed statement.

STATEMENT

Hospitalwise distribution of admissions and deaths

Hospital	Admissions	Deaths
Dr. R.M.L. Hospital	30	21
Safdarjung Hospital	13	13
Hindu Rao Hospital	1	1
L.H.M.C. Hospital	2	2
Holy Family Hospital	1	1
Deen Dayal Upadhyay Hospital	16	3
A.I.I.M.S.	4	4
TOTAL	67	45