

improvement of jhuggi clusters. Basic civic amenities such as drinking water, peripheral street light poles, 'Pay and Use' Jansuvidha Complexes containing toilets and bathrooms, dhals/dustbins for collection of wastage rubbish material, brick paving of streets and drains are extended to the extent the local conditions permit.

(e) The following instructions have been issued to the land owning agencies to protect government land:—

- (i) Watch and ward should be strengthened and surveillance of vacant land tightened. A system of accountability should be divided to prevent existence of laxity/collusion/non-reporting.
- (ii) Timely help of the police should be obtained and the encroachment removed whenever it is noticed at the initial stage.
- (iii) Vacant land around the existing jhuggi clusters should be protected either by fencing it by wire or by construction of boundary wall to check expansion of such clusters on the adjoining vacant land.

Use of service stamps for private purposes of punjabi university, Patiala

1696. SHRI RAM BADAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that in Punjabi University, Patiala, the service stamps are being used for private purposes and, if so, the details of the same for the last two years;

(b) whether any inquiry has been conducted by the department;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to check the private use of service stamps in future?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) According to the information furnished by Punjabi University, Patiala, no such instance has come to the notice of the University.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

[English]

Recommendations of ICMR to prevent spread of Aids

1697. SHRI AMAL DATTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the recommendations of Indian Council of Medical Research in respect of preventive measures to be taken to counter spread of AIDS in the country; and

(b) the measures the Union Government have taken to implement the recommendations so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI-MATI D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) The Indian Council of Medical Research has recommended phased initiation of screening of donated blood; establishment of clinical facility for counselling and care of sero-positive persons and AIDS cases; hospital policy for care of HIV infected persons including AIDS patients and sentinel surveillance for HIV infection; establishment of diagnostic facilities for HIV antibody diseases; creation of accurate information on magnitude of infection in different risk groups over different periods and health education of high risk groups.

(b) Government of India has identified and strengthened 13 hospitals for clinical management of HIV infected/AIDS cases in the country; established HIV testing centres for diagnostic screening and screening of donated blood in 35 cities; prepared detailed guidelines for upgrading hospital infection control standards.