

People living in unhygienic conditions

2563. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether 15 lakh children, under 5 years of age die every year from Diarrhoea, caused by unsafe drinking water and insanitary environment, particularly in the rural areas; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NILAMANI ROURAY): (a) and (b). It has been estimated that 1.5 million children die of acute diarrhoea every year in the country.

To reduce the mortality due to acute diarrhoeal diseases, Government of India has launched ORT Programme in the 7th Plan which is being expanded to cover the entire country. Oral Rehydration Salt (RS) to overcome dehydration, are being made available to the Primary Health Care delivery services in the country. Steps have been taken to provide safe drinking water, improvement of food and personal hygiene, chlorination of unsafe drinking water, strengthening of health education measures and construction of low cost sanitary latrines in rural areas.

Cadre review of group 'B' Engineers in CPWD

2564. SHRI C. SRINIVASAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government are considering the proposal regarding cadre review of Group 'B' Engineers in C.P.W.D.; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b). The Cadre review of Group 'B' Engineers in the C.P.W.D. has been taken up with the Cadre Review Committee and the Ministry of Finance. It is difficult to provide the details at this stage of discussions.

Senior Homoeopathic Physicians

2565. SHRI C. SRINIVASAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether CGHS homoeopathic dispensaries/units are covered by only one senior homoeopathic physician in Delhi/New Delhi;

(b) whether Government are aware that many CGHS homoeopathic units are not covered by senior homoeopathic physicians causing great difficulties to the beneficiaries;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to appoint more such senior homoeopathic physicians to man homoeopathic clinics; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NILAMANI ROURAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Central Govt. Health Scheme, Delhi has 3 Dispensaries and 10 Units under Homoeopathic system of Medicine. The Senior Homoeopathic Physician is visiting all the three dispensaries on 3 days in a week. The 10 Units have been divided into 3 nodal centres which he visits during the remaining days of the week.

(c) and (d). The question of appointing more senior Homoeopathic Physicians is also under consideration.