

earmarked as green belt in Kalkaji extension;

(b) whether a writ petition has been filed by residents of Konark Apartments prohibiting encroachment by DDA on land earmarked as neighbourhood park; and

(c) the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c). Demonstration model dwelling units which are to be used for various community facilities for slum on a small strip of land alongside the open space facing the extremely congested JJ cluster in Kalkaji Extension. The writ petition filed in the Supreme Court came up for hearing on 30th March, 1990 and was dismissed as withdrawn. A similar Writ Petition in the High Court of Delhi is, however, pending. The government is committed to improving the living conditions and environment of slum dwellers as also of other inhabited areas in the city.

Side effects of Iodised Salt

5390. SHRI KUSUMA KRISHNA MURTHY:
DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY:
SHRI GANGA CHARAN LODHI:

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

(a) whether a recent studies in U.S and New Zealand had revealed that iodised salt consumed by normal people cause several side effects;

(b) whether Government have examined the study report; and

(c) if so, the steps which are proposed to be taken by Government to protect people against the reported harmful effects of iodised salt and also to stop compulsory iodisation?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

(*Translation*)

Deposits by Heart patients in AIIMS

5391. DR. MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether heart patients are required to deposit a sum of Rs. 30,000 to 40,000 for their operation in AIIMS;

(b) whether poor patients are deprived of the treatment due to non-deposit of the required amount; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) The All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi have informed that the heart patients are required to deposit the cost of disposable items which may range between Rs. 1,000 to Rs. 30,000 approximately.

(b) and (c). Every effort is made to help the poor patients requiring heart surgery by issuing them certificates so that they can get financial assistance from the Prime Minister's Fund or the Health Minister's discretionary grant or from Philanthropic Organisations. Special efforts are also made to provide the disposable items to very poor