

Pay	<u>Contribution per month</u>	
	Pre-revised rates (Rs.)	Revised rates (Rs.)
7. 4001 to 5000	9	40
8. Above 5000	12	50

(c) This is due to manifold increase in the expenditure on CGHS per family and substantial increase in the pay and allowances of Government servants.

H.I.V. Testing Kits

1660. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE :
DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI :
SHRI PANKAJ
CHOWDHARY:
SHRI BRIJBHUSHAN
SHARAN SINGH :

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

(a) whether the Government have received some complaints regarding negative results of the special H.I.V. Testing Kits received from the World Health Organisation;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to constitute an inquiry committee in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) and (c) A Sub-Committee of experts was appointed by Govt. to look into the complaints. The major finding of the sub-Committee was that the laboratories reported false positive results on some of the known negative sera using a particular brand of HIV 1 & 2 kit; this could lead to wastage of some units of blood when test is carried out for blood safety. However no HIV infected blood will be missed by the test. The false positivity could be reduced by more number of washings than recommended by the manufacturer.

The observation of the sub-Committee have been taken note of by the Government in its further procurement of HIV test kits.

(d) Does not arise.

Subsidence

1661. SHRI HARADHAN ROY : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether a large scale subsidence is taking place in different parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;