

[Translation]

Deaths of Infants Due to Infection

792. SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM:
SHRIMATI BHAVANA CHIKHLIA:
SHRI RAJESH KUMAR:

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

(a) whether infants die due to infection in various hospitals in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to save the infants from infection in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA) : (a) and (b) Infections like diarrhoeal diseases, acute respiratory infections, meningitis, encephalitis, septicaemia and tetanus are among the common cause of deaths in hospitalised infants.

(c) Immunization services are provided for the control of diphtheria, pertussis, tuberculosis, poliomyelitis, measles and tetanus. Oral rehydration salt (ORS) packets have been made widely available to prevent deaths due to diarrhoea diseases. Para-medical staff are trained for treatment of minor ailments. Essential drugs and vaccines are available at hospitals and health centres. Information, education and communication activities have been stepped up.

Construction of Bridge in Bihar

793. SHRI BRAHMANAND MANDAL.
SHRI MANJAY LAL:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned 'Pul Andolan Ke Samarthan me pure shahar me: dharna' appearing in Hindustan, Patna, dated November 8, 1994;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) to (c) Presumably, the news item appeared in the Hindustan, Patna dated 6th November, 1994 reflects the public demand for the construction of Road-cum-rail bridge across river Ganga in Munger in Bihar. However, the proposed bridge after its construction would not lie on the National Highway grid, but will be a part of State Road network and hence the responsibility of State Government and the Railways. This Ministry is primarily concerned with the roads declared as National Highways only including bridges thereon.

[English]

Growth of Population

794. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE:
Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any special programme were launched on the World Population Day on 11th July, 1994 in order to control the growth of population in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) World Population day is used to increase awareness on small family norm. To this end the following programmes were launched on the World Population Day:

(i) Two stamps of the denomination Re. 0.75 and Rs. 1.00 specially designed by the Deptt. of Family Welfare were released by the President of India. The stamps focus on small family norm and male responsibility.

(ii) An entertainment based 90 minutes feature film named Meri Pyari Nimmo was formally released by Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare. The film promotes smaller families and spacing between children.

(iii) A World Population Day supplement was brought out in English, Hindi and regional languages in prominent Newspapers throughout the country.

(iv) The Department of Family Welfare funded Sahitya Kala Parishad, Govt. of NCT, for holding a Kavi Sammelan with renowned poets contributing on the theme of population.

(v) Chambers of Commerce and Industry, voluntary organisations, schools, colleges and other institutions observed the day so as to focus attention on Population issues.

(vi) State Govts. carried out multi-farious activities like holding of quiz, essay and painting competitions, seminars etc. for focusing attention on population issues.

[Translation]

China's Support for Permanent Membership

795. SHRI RAMPAL SINGH:
SHRI CHETAN P.S. CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has sought the support of China to register claim for the permanent membership of the U.N. Security Council in the event of its expansion;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the response of the Chinese Government in this regard?

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