

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : (a) to (c). Eligibility of Centchroman under World Bank assistance is being considered by the Bank in consultation with Government.

(d) and (e). Centchroman is a non-steroidal weekly oral pill which can be safely used by women in the reproductive age group who want to space their children. The pill is not recommended for women suffering from certain diseases including recent history of jaundice or other liver diseases, Tuberculosis etc.

[Translation]

Industrial Development

4203. SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether according to the experts the industrial development is likely to fall short as against the target fixed by the Government during the current financial year;

(b) if so, the main reasons for the slow pace of industrial development,

(c) whether the improvements initiated by the Government have not given desired results so far; and

(d) if so the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the situation of industrial development in the country during 1995-96?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) to (d). As per the latest available information from CSO, the overall rate of growth of industrial sector in April-December '94 is 8.3%. The performance of industrial sector has been showing a steady improvement from 0.6% in 1991-92, 2.3% in 1992-93, 4.7% in 1993-94 and 8.3% in April-December 1994-95. The broad based industrial recovery that is underway now is due to the number of factors such as cumulative success of industrial trade and tax reforms and growing confidence and improvement in investment climate.

Photo Identity Cards

4204 SHRI SATYA DEO SINGH :
SHRIMATI DIPIKA H. TOPIWALA :
SHRI RAM PAL SINGH :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce holographic technique with a view to check duplicacy in photo identity cards to voters;

(b) if so the details thereof, and

(c) the time by which this technique is likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) to (c). With a view to check duplicacy in photo identity cards to voters, the instructions of the Election Commission already require the hologram to be affixed or embossed on the card itself or on the lamination in such a way that the hologram cannot be removed or peeled off without destroying the card/ lamination.

[English]

UPSC Examinations at Vijayawada

4205. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received any representation to open a centre for conducting Union Public Service Commission Examinations at Vijayawada;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be opened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) to (c). Union Public Service Commission already have three regular centres in the State of Andhra Pradesh at Hyderabad, Vishakhapatnam and Tirupati for their examinations. These centres adequately meet the needs of Andhra Pradesh. Having regard to this and the other practical and administrative difficulties, the Commission have decided not to open a new centre at Vijayawada or at any other place in the State.

Eradication of Diseases

4206. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the programmes for the eradication of diseases like Leprosy, T.B., Cancer, Malaria and Polio; and

(b) the total assistance given to maharashtra for the eradication of these diseases during the year 1992-93 and 1994-95?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : (a) Government have launched the following programmes for eradication of diseases like Leprosy, Tuberculosis, Cancer, Malaria and Polio etc. :

(i) National Leprosy Eradication Programme.

(ii) National Tuberculosis Control Programme.

(iii) National Cancer Control Programme.