

[English]

Indian Rare Earth

Mediclaim

4248. SHRI PRAKASH V PATIL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to replace Central Government Health Scheme with Mediclaim Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for dismantling the Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS),

(d) whether the aged Central Government pensioners are likely to be covered under Mediclaim, and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINSITER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise

4249. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the States where the Indian Rare Earth (IRE) has been operating its plants alongwith the locations thereof;

(b) the production of these plants during each of the last three years;

(c) whether the capacity utilisation of these plants has been achieved; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND DEPARTMENT OF SPACE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) (a) Indian Rare Earths Limited has been operating its plants at Manavalakurichi in Tamil Nadu, Chavara and Alwaye in Kerala and Chatrapur in Orissa.

(b) to (d). Details are given in the enclosed Statement

STATEMENT

Production and Capacity Utilisation of Main Products of Various Plants of Indian Rare Earths Limited

Year	Product	Rated Capacity (MT)	Actual Production (MT)	Capacity Utilisation %
1	2	3	4	5
Mineral Separation				
Plant, Chavara				
1992-93	Ilmenite	78000	130461	167
1993-94	Ilmenite	78000	140194	180
1994-95*	Ilmenite	78000	140000	179
Mineral Separation				
Plant, Manavalakurichi				
1992-93	Ilmenite	64400	76665	119
1993-94	Ilmenite	64400	67283	104
1994-95*	Ilmenite	64400	67000	104
Mineral Separation				
Plant, OSCOM				
1992-93	Ilmenite	220000	31781	14
1993-94	Ilmenite	220000	51031	23
1994-95*	Ilmenite	220000	72000	33
Synthetic Rutile				
Plant, (OSCOM) Chatrapur				
1992-93	Syn Rutile	100000	699	1
1993-94	Syn Rutile	100000	2518	3
1994-95*	Syn. Rutile	100000	6000	6

1	2	3	4	5
Rare Earthe Plant				
Always				
1992-93	Monazite Processing	4200	3722	89
1993-94	Monazite Processing	4200	3716	88
1994-95*	Monazite Processing	4200	3932	94

* Provisional figures

Note :

- Capacity of the plant is fixed with reference to Ilmenite Synthetic Rutile. Monazite Processing as the case may be.
- In OSCOM desired capacity utilisation could not be achieved due to technical problems, power failure, irregular water supply, etc.
- In addition to Ilmenite, the plants at Manavalakurichi, Chavara and OSCOM produce small quantities of minerals such as Rutile, Zircon, Monazite, etc.

[Translation]

Gastroenteritis

4250. SHRI BHUBANESHWAR PRASAD MEHTA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether several cases of gastroenteritis have been reported from various States;

(b) if so, the number of cases reported during the last two years; and

(c) the preventive measures taken by the Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : (a) and (b). Information on Gastroenteritis cases alone is not available. However, as per information available on all diarrhoeal diseases, which includes Gastroenteritis, 95,49,362 cases during 1993 and 72,62,755 cases during 1994 were reported.

(c) The measures normally taken by the Health Authorities to check this disease are :

- Provision of safe drinking water.
- Improvement of food and personal hygiene.
- Safa disposal of human excreta.
- Appropriate Health Education.
- Surveillance and monitoring.
- Distribution of chlorine tablets and ORS packets, etc.

[English]

Development of Science and Technology

4251. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether several leading scientists have shown great concern over low priority for the development of Science and Technology;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have examined the concern shown by the scientists; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken to give higher priority to science and technology?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND DEPARTMENT OF SPACE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) to (d). Government is aware of the views expressed by leading scientists for promotion of science and technology in the context of the changed economic scenario.

Government have always recognised the importance of science and technology as an essential input to development and accordingly there have been progressive step-ups in allocations.

[Translation]

Scientists of Tata Institute of Fundamental Research

4252. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Scientists of Tata Institute of Fundamental Research have succeeded in isolating the smallest unit of atom of the basic structure of matter;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether information relating to such discovery has been received from the scientists of any other country of the world; and

(d) if so, the facts in this regard?