

[Translation]

**Measles and T.B.**

398. SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the number of measles and T.B. patients are increasing in Delhi and other parts of the country;
- (b) if so, whether the Government have taken/Propose to take steps to check these diseases;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) An overall decline in the incidence of measles and T.B. has been recorded. However, the number of reported cases of T.B. in Delhi has increased from 46383 in 1990-91 to 60191 in 1993-94.

(b) to (d). Measles vaccine, cold chain equipment and syringes are provided to the state governments for immunization of all eligible children. To check T.B. five pilot areas, including Delhi, have been provided additional World Bank assistance. In the remaining areas the T.B. programme is being strengthened.

[English]

**Import of Uranium**

399. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the production of Uranium in the country is inadequate;
- (b) if so, the percentage of enriched Uranium met from indigenous sources;
- (c) the percentage of indigenous production which is not accounted for;
- (d) whether USA, France and Canada have stopped supply of enriched Uranium for atomic power plants; and
- (e) if so, whether enriched Uranium for our atomic power stations is being imported from China?

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) No, Sir. The natural uranium used in our atomic power plants except in the Tarapur Atomic Power Station (TAPS) - is produced indigenously in adequate quantities.

(b) and (c). TAPS uses low enriched uranium (LEU) for its operations, which we do not produce indigenously.

(d) The USA supplied LEU for TAPS from 1969 to 1980 and France from 1983 to 1993.

(e) LEU for TAPS has been imported from China.

[Translation]

**Treatment of Epilepsy**

400. SHRI VISHWANATH SHASTRI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to open an exclusive hospital in Delhi for the treatment of epilepsy;
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor?
- (c) whether the Government have conducted any survey to detect the number of the patients of epilepsy;
- (d) if so, the number of such patients; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government for their treatment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) There is no such proposal under consideration.

(b) and (e). Epilepsy cases already receive specialised treatment in medical institutions and from practising physicians and Neurologists.

(c) and (d). National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences, Bangalore, has conducted house to house survey of 1,50,000 population in the urban and rural areas of Karnataka and observed that there are 5 to 8 patients with epilepsy for 1000 people.

[English]

**Atomic Energy Projects**

401. DR. R. MALLU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether several atomic energy projects are under construction in the country;
- (b) if so, the names of these projects and target fixed for commencement of production by these projects;
- (c) the names of the projects whose construction work has been running behind schedule together with the extent of delay in respect of each project; and
- (d) the percentage of cost overrun due to delay in construction work?

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) and (b). Details of Nuclear Power Projects presently under construction are given below:—

Name of the project	Production capacity MWe	Target date of criticality
1. Kaiga units 1&2	2x220 MWe	June 1996 (Unit-1) December 1996 (Unit-2)
2. Rajasthan Units 3&4	2x220 Me	November 1996 (Unit-3) May 1997 (Unit-4)