

(d) and (e) A review of the programme has brought out some inadequacies like insufficiency of resources, interruptions in supply of drugs, failure to complete the treatment by patients and lack of public awareness. These deficiencies are being rectified.

A World Bank Project has been proposed to ensure sufficiency of funds and removal of other deficiencies to initially cover 5 States and major cities.

Jharkhand Issue

131. SHRI CHITTABASU :

SHRI BIRSINGH MAHATO :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the steps taken by the Government during the last three months to resolve the Jharkhand issue :

(b) whether the Government propose to take any fresh initiative to bring about a negotiated settlement of the problem ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN) : (a) to (c) In a meeting held with the Home Minister on 19-8-1993, the Chief Minister of Bihar was advised to consider the comments of the Central Government on the Jharkhand Area Development Council Bill, 1991, sent to the Bihar Government on 22-7-1993. The Chief Minister agreed to call a Special Session of the State Assembly on 30-10-1993 to consider the comments and amend the aforesaid Bill as might be decided by the Assembly.

The Special Session has not been called so far.

The State Government has now taken the stand that they can consider further action only if the Bill is formally returned with Presidential orders under Article 201 of the Constitution. Accordingly, the Bill is now being processed formally for Presidential orders.

[Translation]

Heart Patients

132. SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHRY :

SHRI ARVIND TRIVEDI :

SHRI JANARDAN MISRA :

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

(a) whether the number of heart patients is increasing constantly in various parts of the country ;

(b) if so, whether large number of heart patients die for want of doctors ;

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to provide first-aid facilities to such patients ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : (a) No reliable information about incidence of heart disease available: However, with rising life expectancy, the incidence of Coronary heart disease is expected to increase.

(b) No such information is available.

(c) and (d) Primary treatment facilities for heart patients are available in almost all the Districts and sub-divisional hospitals.

[English]

Jobs for Myanmar Repatriates

133. SHRI RAM PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have fixed priority in Group 'C' and 'D' posts to Myanmar repatriates ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether the scheme is still in operation ; and