

Gujarat have intimated 'nil' information in reply to parts (a) to (d) of the question.

Disposable Syringes

538: SHRI K. RAMAMURTHEE TINDIVANAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether instances of re-use of syringes and other disposable items in Government hospitals in Delhi have come to light;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have any mechanism to stop re-use of such items in private hospitals also; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (d). Do not arise.

(c) The Government have also circulated to all the State Governments a manual which, inter alia, indicates the steps which need to be taken to destroy disposable needless and syringes as also when reusing non-disposable syringes.

Communal Harmony

539. SHRI P.C. THOMAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps have been taken to avoid communal disharmony recently; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b). Maintenance of public order is a State Subject. However, the Central Government shares intelligence with the State Governments/Union territory administrations on matters having a bearing on maintenance of communal harmony. Attention of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations is drawn, from time to time, to the various provisions of law for taking action against persons spreading ill-will, hatred or disharmony between members of different communities.

Coal Mining Projects

540. SHRI SOBHANSDREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to State:

(a) whether the Worlds Bank is contemplating stoppage of financial assistance for new coal mining projects due to the abnormal delay in their implementation:

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken for speedy implementation of the projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[*Translation*]

Health Workers

541. SHRI KHELAN RAM JANGDE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state: