

(c) 1000 chloroscopes have been supplied to the village health guides in selected areas on an experimental basis to gauge its efficacy.

(d) In order to provide safe water supply facilities in the identified problem villages the Central Government initiated the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARP) in 1977-78 which had continued during the 6th plan and provision has been made for the Programme in 1985-86 also. As per report furnished by the State Government, a total of 192024 problem villages have been provided with at least one source of safe drinking water supply during the 6th plan. In addition the Centre has also requested the various States to provide additional funds under the Minimum Needs Programme to improve upon the performance in this sector.

Decline in Meningitis and Value Imported Vaccines

438. SHRI MANIK REDDY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that meningitis is on the decline;

(b) whether it is a fact that our medical research has failed to keep ahead of times and fulfil the needs of the country as other countries are doing; and

(c) whether it is a fact that meningitis vaccine is being imported from the West Germany, U.K.... U.S.A. and if so, details of imports and value thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. In fact the major emphasis of all medical research has been towards development of simple and field suited methods of diagnosis, treatment and control of various diseases.

(c) Six lakhs doses of meningococcal vaccine have been procured through WHO and distributed to the State Governments Institute/Hospitals for vaccinating identified high risk groups.

New Process to Check Spreading of Malaria

439. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether some new processes have been adopted to check the spreading of malaria; and

(b) if so, what are the new processes developed by the scientists to check malaria in the malaria prone areas ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, an Integrated Disease Vector Control strategy with emphasis on source reduction, minor engineering works, biological control using the larvivorous fishes, chemotherapy health education and environmental improvement, is being carried out on an experimental basis in one district of Gujarat by the Malaria Research Centre of the Indian Council of Medical Research.

Development of Cochin Shipyard during Seventh Plan

440. SHRI K. MOHANDAS : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any scheme for the development of the Cochin Shipyard during the Seventh Plan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI) : (a) and (b) Certain proposals for the development of Cochin Shipyard were considered by the Working Group set up by Government for the formulation of VIIIth Five Year Plan on Shipbuilding and Shiprepair Industry. Since the content and size of the VIIIth Plan have not yet been finalised the picture will be clear only after finalisation of the overall VIIIth Five Year Plan and detailed economic and financial viability of such schemes.

Increasing Power Generation

441. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission have expressed concern over the poor achievement in creating new power generation capacity;

(b) whether Government, with its commitment to increase capacity in power generation permit private agencies like Bombay Suburban Electric Ltd, and other similar agencies to generate power; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) The aspect of poor achievement in creating new power generation capacity was mentioned in the mid-term appraisal of the Sixth Plan document of Planning Commission.

(b) and (c) The present policy is regulated by the Industrial Policy Resolution of 1956 Under this Resolution, generation and distribution of electricity falls under Schedule 'A' which includes category of industries, the future development of which will be the exclusive responsibility of the State. The Resolution, however, does not preclude the expansion of the existing privately owned units or the possibility of the State securing the cooperation of private enterprise in the establishment of new units when the national interests so require. Under this Policy, Govt. have allowed replacement/expansion of units in the existing privately owned utilities.

Shortfall in Family Planning Targets and Corrective Steps

442. SHRI CHINTA MOHAN :
SHRI R. P. GAEKWAD : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been a serious shortfall in family planning targets and if so, what corrective steps are proposed to be taken;

(b) whether the plan for IUD insertions is being stepped up ;

(c) whether there has been significant progress for practical application and safety of anti fertility immune bodies developed at the AIIMS and if so, details thereof; and

(d) whether it is a fact that the county's entire progress is being jeopardised in the absence of successful implementation of population control programme and if so, whether this programme will be taken up on a war footing and fully computerised ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) to (d) Development and population control interact in a mutually beneficial way. Family Welfare Programme has therefore, been accorded a high priority in the overall socio-economic development planning. During the Sixth Five Year Plan achievement of family planning targets was around 80%. The Programme will be further strengthened during the 7th Plan and its monitoring will be computerised. The IUD Programme received a big step up from 6.28 lakhs in 1980-81 to 15.46 lakhs in 1984-85. Immunological approaches to fertility control are still at an experimental stage.

Repair of Roads in Delhi

443. SHRI KALI PRASAD PANDEY : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that the condition of most of the Delhi roads is very bad; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken for the immediate repair of all such roads in Delhi ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) No, Sir, Road in Delhi are generally in good condition.

(b) The maintenance and repairs of roads is a continuous process and it is carried out from time to time as necessary depending upon availability of funds.

Supply of Anti-Rabic Vaccines to Zonal Railways

444. SHRI SYED MASUDAL HOSSAIN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the Serum Institute of India