

Use of Aspirin for Cure of Cataract in Diabetic Patients

3186. SHRI MANIK REDDY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Aspirin has emerged as one of the several promising drugs to cure cataract in diabetic patients as reported in the 'Statesman' dated the 17th July, 1986;

(b) whether this new methodology/cure has been tried out in India and if so, results thereof; and

(c) what are the other promising drugs for cure of cataract apart from aspirin ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) : (a) Aspirin as well as some other drugs have possible potential of decelerating the progress on of diabetic cataract.

(b) No, Sir. It is still in research stage.

(c) Apart from Aspirin research for cure of cataract is in progress on the following drugs :

- (i) Glutathione;
- (ii) Corbinil; and
- (iii) Tolyestat.

[*Translation*]

Bina River Irrigation Project

3187. SHRI NANDLAL CHOUHDARY : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether a proposal to approve Bina River Irrigation Project in Sagar district in Madhya Pradesh is under consideration of the Ministry; and

(b) if so, the time by which this project is likely to be approved finally ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The clearance of the project depends on the techno-economic viability being established and clearance from the environmental and forest angles.

[*English*]

Proposal to open Western Zone Sports Centre in Maharashtra

3188. SHRI MUKUL WASNIK : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to open Western Zone Sports Centre of the Netaji Institute of Sports, Patiala in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, which are the places recommended by the Government of Maharashtra; and

(c) when is the proposed Centre likely to start functioning ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) to (c). The question of setting up a Centre or Centres of the Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports (NSNIS) in the Western Region of the country has been considered by the Government. The Government of Maharashtra had recommended the setting up of the Centre in Aurangabad and offered land for the purpose there. The Society for National Institutes of Physical Education and Sports (SNIPES) which manages Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports recommended that Centres of NSNIS in the Western Region be set up at Aurangabad (Maharashtra) and Gandhinagar (Gujarat). On careful consideration of the recommendations of the SNIPES and taking all relevant factors into account, it has been decided by the Government to set up a NSNIS Training Centre at Aurangabad (Maharashtra) and the West Centre of NSNIS at Gandhinagar (Gujarat).

Now that the Government have decided to set up a NSNIS Training Centre at Aurangabad, the SNIPES is being advised to get in touch with Government of Maha-