

**Manufacture of Norplant Implants**

4317. SHRI A. R. MALLU : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Population Advisory Council has entered into an agreement with an international pharmaceutical organisation, based in Finland, for large scale manufacture of Norplant implants; and

(b) if so, the details regarding the terms of agreement ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI) : (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

**Construction of New Airports by Pakistan**

4318. SHRI N. E. HORO : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any information that Pakistan plans to construct seven new airports including one at Muzaffarabad in occupied Kashmir during the next five years; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A. A. RAHIM) : (a) Government have seen reports to this effect.

(b) Government's position in this regard is well known. Pakistan has no local standi in Pak-occupied Kashmir and any such action by Pakistan Government in an area which is an integral part of India is illegal and has a bearing on our security.

**Mentally Retarded People in the Country**

4319. SHRI DHARAM DASS SHASTRI :

SHRI K. LAKKAPPA :

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

(a) whether Government are aware that there is an increase of mentally retarded people in the country at the rate of 2 per cent every year;

(b) whether it is a fact that due to inadequate health care facilities there is an increase in the mentally retarded people;

(c) whether Government have taken any steps to prevent such retardation; and

(d) if so, details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI KUMUD BEN M JOSHI) : (a) to (d) There are no studies relating to the prevalence or incidence rate of mental retardation to indicate the rate at which such cases are increasing. However, it is generally acknowledged that one of the etiological factor for mental retardation is inadequate maternal and child care. Steps have been initiated by the Government to private mental health facilities at the institutional levels as well as peripheral levels. The improvement in primary health care facilities and implementation of the integrated child development scheme would also have a beneficial impact.

**Proposal for a container Traffic Station Terminal and Replacement of Obsolete Equipments at Calcutta Port**

4320. SHRI NIREN GHOSH : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a proposal for a Container Traffic Station Terminal to be built