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2.	IND RPH 041— Family Planning Services And Quality Assurance	620,000
3.	IND HRH 002—Traning in Primary Health Care and Reproductive Child Health	735,000
4.	IND VID 002—Immunisation	15,000

The WHO activities are in integral part of the current Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) Programme of Government of India.

The outlay for the Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) Programme under the current 9th Five Year Plan period is Rs. 5112.53 crores. This programme envisages integration of maternal and child health programmes. It has provisions for the following activities: namely, ante-natal care; post-natal care; Tetnus Toxid Immunisation to pregnant women; supplementary Iron Folic Tablets to all pregnant women; promotion of institutional deliveries; strengthening of emergency obstetric services; services for reproductive tract infections/sexually transmitted infections; immunisation of children against 6 vaccine preventable diseases; to reduce death due to diarrhoea and acute respiratory infection and prophylaxis against iron deficiency anaemia and blindness due to Vitamin A deficiency.

#### Shortage Damage to Onions

2693. SHRI G. M. BANATWALLA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have received advanced information regarding shortage and damage to onion crop;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the reasons for not taken cognisance of the imminent shortages and timely action thereto;
- (d) whether the Government have any mechanism regarding crop forecasts;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the steps being contemplated to develop appropriate mechanism in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PAL SINGH YADAV) : (a) and (b) Government has not received any advance information regarding shortage and damage to onion crop.

(c) The rabi and kharif onion crops of 1998 has been damaged due to adverse climatic conditions. The Government has put a ban on the export of onions. Import of onions has been placed under OGL at zero percent duty.

(d) to (f) The Government has set up a National Crop Forecasting Centre in the Ministry of Agriculture, which would make full use of satellite based remote sensing capabilities of the Department of Space and the Computer Network set up by the National Informatics Centre covering all the districts, for making forecasts relating to various agricultural crops and disseminating information thereof.

#### Civil Defence Organisation

2694. DR. BIZAY SONKAR SHASTRI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Civil Defence Organisation was set up in the 60s in the wake of a civil war has become redundant in the present day scenario;
- (b) if so, the manner in which the Government propose to deal with the situation and to utilise the services of the officials working in that organisation;
- (c) whether those officials are being paid their salaries and other allowances; and
- (d) if not, the action taken by the Government to pay them the subsistence allowance?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI) : (a) and (b) Civil Defence is a voluntary organisation and has been organised as an integral part of the defence of the country. Its activities in various States ensure that citizens are aware of Civil Defence measures necessary for protecting not only themselves but also vital installations in case of an enemy attack. Besides, the training of Civil Defence volunteers is such that their services can be utilised in natural and other calamities. The State Governments are authorised to use Civil Defence volunteers during such calamities.

(c) and (d) While permanent staff looking after Civil Defence work is on the pay roll of respective State Governments, Civil Defence volunteers are paid training allowance during their training period, and duty allowance, whenever they are called out for performing various duties.

#### Recruitment in Delhi Police

2695. SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state: