

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (c). National Programme for central of AIDS, Leprosy, Blindness and Population growth are being carried out in the States of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh with World Bank assistance.

An Externally Funded Project Cell has been set up in the Ministry to monitor the effective implementation of these Projects.

[English]

Sharing of Cauvery Water

1235. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have recently taken decision on sharing of Cauvery water by Karnataka and Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of those State Governments thereto?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) to (c). To resolve the Cauvery Water Dispute, the Central Government constituted Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal on 2nd June, 1990. The Tribunal passed an Interim Award on 25.6.91 directing the Karnataka Government to ensure inflows of 205 Thousand million Cubic feet (TMC ft.) of water into Mettur reservoir of Tamil Nadu for each water year (June to May) with monthly and weekly stipulations. 6 TMC ft. of water for Karaikal region of the Union Territory of Pondicherry will be delivered by the State of Tamil Nadu in a regulated manner. Further, the State of Karnataka shall not increase its area under irrigation by the waters of river Cauvery beyond the existing 11.2 lakh acres.

So far, the Tribunal has conducted 90 hearings and the basin States are participating in the proceedings of the Tribunal.

[Translation]

Health Care

1236. SHRI HARIVANSH SAHAJ : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the per capita amount spent on medicines in the rural areas of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether there is any proposal to increase this limit; and

(c) the total expenditure borne by the Government as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) Health being a State subject, medicines are procured and supplied by State Governments from their own resources. However, as per information

available in National Accounts Statistics, per capita Government expenditure in U.P. on health is Rs. 42 for the year 1992-93. In addition to that drugs required for implementing major National Health Programmes are supplied as per approved norms by the Central Government.

(b) and (c). Information is being collected from State Government.

[English]

One Rank One Pension

1237. PROF. RAM NAIK : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the policy of the Government on one rank one pension issue; and

(b) the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) and (b). Ex-Servicemen's demand for One Rank One Pension was examined by a High Level Empowered Committee (HLEC). The acceptance of the principle of One Rank One Pension was not found feasible for a variety of reasons. However, a scheme of One Time Increase in pension to the Armed Forces pensioners who retired before 1.1.1996 has been sanctioned w.e.f. 1.1.1992 in pursuance of the unanimous recommendations of the High Level Empowered Committee.

Road Sector as Industry

1238. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the road sector has been declared as 'Industry'; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The activities connected with construction, maintenance and development of roads are to be treated as 'Industrial Concern' under para 2 (c) (XVII) of the Industrial Development Bank of India Act 1964 and under para 2 (c) (XVI) of the Industrial Finance Corporation Act 1948 so as to facilitate loan from lending institutions to private/public sector companies to take up toll-based highway projects.

Infectious Diseases

1239. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether antibiotics and other life saving drugs used against many diseases are rapidly losing their