

**Seizure of Chemical Weapons**

4949. DR. Y.S. RAJA SEKARA REDDY :  
SHRI SURESH WARPUDKAR :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any chemical weapons have been seized recently in the Kashmir Valley and North-Eastern and various other parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details, thereof;

(c) the types of foreign weapons seized at those places during the last three years; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government to check such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Major types of weapons seized during the last three years are—AK series rifles, Pistols/revolvers, Carbines, UMGs, RPGs, LMGs/SLRs, Sniper rifles, Grenade launchers, Rocket launchers etc.

(d) Sustained efforts are being made by the Security Forces to contain the smuggling of weapons etc. from across the borders.

[*Translation*]

**Health Services at the Doors to the Rural Masses**

4950. SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VARMA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any memorandum on 20th March, 1998 from various Panchayats, Sarpanchs, chief medical officers and several Public Health Care Organisations to provide health services at the doors of the rural masses;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) the results achieved so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI) : (a) Yes, Sir. A memorandum was received from Akhil Bhartiya Jan Swasthya Rakshak Sangathan, Delhi.

(b) The main demands in the memorandum are:

(i) To restore the supply of medicine Kits to Village Health Guides.

(ii) To increase the amount of honorarium.

(iii) To pay the pending honorarium in some states including Haryana.

(iv) To issue the identity cards to Village Health Guides.

(v) To recruit the Village Health Guide from the family of the deceased Village Health Guide.

(c) and (d) The Government has constituted an expert committee to look into various aspects of the Village Health Guide Scheme. The Committee is in the process of visiting various State Govts. to assess the usefulness of the Village Health Guide Scheme. Further action on the matter will be taken once the Committee submits its report. The Akhil Bhartiya Jan Swasthya Rakshak Sangathan has already been kept informed of this development.

[*English*]

**Policy on Medicine Waste in Delhi**

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SHRI S.S. OWASI :  
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SHRI CHINTA MOHAN :  
SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA :

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

(a) whether the Government are aware that daily waste from hospitals is being recycled and sold in Delhi and other metropolitan cities in the country;

(b) if so, whether the Government have formulated any policy/scheme for the disposal of hospital wastes/medical waste management in the country;