

[Translation]

Waiting List for Pathological Tests in Hospital

4954. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Aspatal Mein Sadharan Test Ke Liye Mahino Intijar Karo". Sarkari Aspataloan Mein Had Darge Kei Laparwahi or Davooan kee Janch Subidhaoan Kar Abhav" and "Sarkari Aspatalon Mein Mariij Maut Ka Intijar Karanej Jaten Hai" appeared in 'The Navbharat Times' on June 4, 1998, June 8, 1998 and June 10, 1998 respectively;

(b) if so, the reasons for negligence in tests, scarcity of medicines and callous behaviour of hospital staff towards patients; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to provide necessary medical facilities to the O.P.D. and indoor patients and the remedial measures to check such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The hospital authorities are required to ensure smooth functioning and proper maintenance of the equipments, adequate supply of medicines and also to see that the staff in courteous to the patients. Alternative arrangements are made by the hospitals to get the pathological and other tests done from other Deptts./Emergency Deptt. in the same hospital. All the admitted patients are given free medicines as per the hospital formulary and tests are done on priority to minimise the hospital stay so as to make available beds for another needy patients. Regular monitoring of the functional status of equipments is being undertaken.

Funds for Sacrifice Cows

4955. SHRI MANIBHAI RAMJIBHAI CHAUDHARI:
SHRI JANARDAN PRASAD MISHRA :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether funds are being mobilised from foreign countries to sacrifice cows in the country;

(b) if so, whether the Government have ordered any probe so far into this matter;

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

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI) : (a) No Such instance has come to the notice of the Government.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

[English]

Eradication of Leptospirosis in Gujarat

4956. SHRI P.S. GADHAVI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Leptospirosis, a rodent borne disease is prevalent in some parts of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise; and

(c) the measures taken by the Central and the State Government to eradicate the disease from the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Govt. of Gujarat and National Institute of Communicable Diseases have reported that the total No. of cases of Leptospirosis in Valsad and Surat Districts were 448 and 209 respectively during 1997.

(c) Under National Disease Surveillance programme of Central Govt; Surat, Mahsana and Banaskantha Districts have been selected in Gujarat, and Rs. 33.75 lakhs have been released for strengthening of Laboratory Facilities to check the incidence of these cases. The National institute of Communicable Diseases is working as a Nodal Agency in giving guidance for prevention and control of Leptospirosis. It also assists in Training Programme for medical personnel at State and District levels.