

Diseases like HIV, Hepatitis B, Surface Antigen (HbSag), Syphilis and Malaria. Under the National AIDS Control Programme presently under implementation, all the public sector Blood Banks have been modernised, by providing cash and commodity assistance. For testing of Blood for HIV, the Blood Banks are linked with 154 Zonal Blood Testing Centres where they can get their Blood Samples tested.

(b) All the Blood Banks in the country require License under Drugs and Cosmetics Act/Rules. This is being monitored by Drugs Controller General (India) and State Drug Administration Department through inspection of Blood Banks for issue/renewal of Licenses.

[Translation]

Modernisation on Hospitals in U.P.

973. SHRIMATI KAMAL RANI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of hospitals modernised and expanded in Uttar Pradesh during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) the name of hospitals in Uttar Pradesh proposed to be modernised and expanded during the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(c) whether any new hospitals/dispensaries have been set up or proposed to be set up in Uttar Pradesh with the assistance of the World Bank; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI) : (a) and (b) 'Health' being a State subject, it is the responsibility of the Government of Uttar Pradesh to modernise and expand the Hospitals under their administrative control.

(c) and (d) No Hospital or Dispensary has been set up in Uttar Pradesh with World Bank Assistance. A Project Proposal received from the Government of Uttar Pradesh under the State Health System Development Project has been posed to the World Bank for assistance. Such State Projects are developed through detailed discussions with the World Bank. It is, therefore, not possible to comment on the final dimensions and Components of the Project at this juncture.

[English]

Suppliers of Super Bazar and Kendriya Bhandar

974. DR. BIZAY SONKAR SHASTRI : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the common suppliers of Super Bazar and the Kendriya Bhandar are charging different rates of supply of their products;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the names of such suppliers and the items supplied by them indicating their rates; and

(d) the action proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYAPAL SINGH YADAV) : (a) and (b) According to the information furnished by the Super Bazar Delhi and the Kendriya Bhandar, Delhi; they obtain their supplies of branded products from the manufacturers or their authorised distributors at rates applicable to the bulk purchasers. In respect of certain other items which these organizations procure through their approved suppliers, both these organizations take undertakings/affidavit from their approved suppliers to the effect that rates offered by them are the lowest and that the approved supplier shall not offer lesser price to any organization without giving the benefit of reduction to them. There is no system to verify as to whether these suppliers are the common suppliers or not.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

[Translation]

Decreasing of Female against Males

975. SHRI JAYSINHJI CHAUHAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the number of females against males is decreasing in the country as per the census conducted recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to balance it?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI) : (a) Yes, Sir. The number of females per thousand males in India has decreased from 934 in 1981 to 927 in the 1991 Census.

(b) The State-wise details of number of females per thousand males as per 1981 and 1991 Censuses are given in the enclosed Statement which shows that out of 32 States and Union Territories only in the case of 19, the number of females against males has decreased during 1981-91. The decrease in the number of females vis-a-vis males during 1981-91 may be due to :