

(iii) Need to check the spread of heart ailments, particularly amongst the youth in the Country

DR. CHANDRA SHEKHAR TRIPATHI (Khalilabad): Mr. Speaker, Sir, today while on the one hand the people in the country suffer from so many ailments and the Government is making all efforts to relieve people of these ailments by setting up hospitals for treatment and by carrying out research programmes for new discoveries on the other hand, the number of patients is increasing constantly. The rise in the incidence of heart ailments has become a matter of great concern. According to a recently conducted survey, at present about 3 crore people are suffering from heart ailments in the entire country. In Delhi alone about 2.5 lakh people between the age group of 25 to 64 years are heart patients. About 9 lakh people are suffering from hypertension which may increase the chances of cardiac arrest. It is distressing that this ailment is spreading on an alarming scale among young boys and girls. As per the break through so far achieved in this direction, patients of this ailment can be saved upto the second attack, but it becomes very difficult to save any patient on the third attack. The treatment of heart patients is very costly and a common man dies an untimely death.

I, therefore, appeal to the hon. Minister of Health and Family Welfare to take some concrete steps in this direction in order to relieve people of this increasing ailment so that spreading of this disease among the youth and people could be checked effectively and people could be saved from untimely death.

(iv) Steps needed to encourage the use of Hindi and other regional languages

SHRI MADAN PANDEY (Gorakhpur):

Mr. Speaker, Sir, even after 40 years of independence, it appears that English has been dominating all over the country. All work starting from education to offices is being done in English only. If someone does not possess knowledge of English he remains deprived of higher education and higher post. A country can develop only when its language is developed and the countryman feel proud of speaking and using it. In our country while on the one hand the Public Service Commission has been prescribing English as a compulsory subject for the Indian Administrative Service Examinations, on the other hand the Department of Official Language which is supposed to be the agency of promoting use of Hindi, has itself been using English instead of Hindi in its Conferences. If the very agency entrusted with the task of implementing Hindi will not carry on its work in Hindi, what could be expected of other departments? Similar treatment is being meted out to other Indian languages in their use.

I, therefore, appeal to the Government of India to take concrete steps for the use of Hindi and other Indian languages and recruit such officers in the institutions entrusted with the responsibility of implementing Indian languages, no matter whether it is the case of Hindi or any other Indian languages, who should have high proficiency of those languages and a strong zeal to implement them besides posing a good knowledge of these languages.

(v) Need to give clearance to cotton procurement scheme submitted by Government of Maharashtra and also to ensure remunerative price for cotton

SHRIMATI USHA CHOUDHARI (Amravati): Mr. Speaker, Sir, Maharashtra is one of the cotton growing States and it accords top priority to cotton growers' inter-