

strengthen the sterilisation service.

11. Establishment of Central Laparoscopic Training Centres to train doctors in Laparoscopic sterilisation techniques in the form of teams consisting of a doctor, operation theatre Sister/nurses and operation theatre attendant/technician.

Deaths due to Kala-Azar State-wise

200. SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM:
Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY

WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether 'Kala Azar' has claimed a number of lives in the country during the last one year and if so, the details of the cases and deaths, State-wise; and

(b) the precautionary measure being taken to check the spread of the disease?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTARY): (a) According to the reports received upto November, 1989, Kala-Azar claimed 221 lives during 1989 as per details given below:-

	<i>Cases (Prov.)</i>	<i>Deaths (Prov.)</i>
Assam	3	—
Bihar	13251	211
Maharashtra	4	-
West Bengal	2409	10
	15667	221

(b) The following measures are being undertaken to check the spread of the disease:-

- systematic case detection and treatment of all patients with drugs like Sodium Antimony Gluconate, Pentamidine etc.
- Insecticidal spraying in highly affected areas.
- Improvement of general sanitation in and around the houses to eliminate breeding ground of sandfly.
- Health education for disease

prevention.

- Provision of adequate quantities of anti Kala-azar drugs.

During 1989-90, Central Government procured and supplied 20,000 ampules of Pentamidine iothionate to Bihar.

A Crash Plan for implementation during November-December, 1989 was prepared for implementation in Bihar and for this purpose Rs. 1.00 crores as Cash Assistance has been released to State Government.