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(i) some officers being on deputation; (ii) likely retirement within next two years; (iii) non-completion of tenure of 4 years service by officers in a particular station outside Delhi: and (iv) consideration of personal requests of officers for retention in Delhi.

[English]

Expert Committee on Delhi Hospitals

- SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD *29 YADAV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the expert committee setup in the wake of the death of a diplomat in a Delhi Hospital due to AIDS has submitted its report,
- (b) if so, the main recommendations of the Committee: and
- (c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD). (a) to (c) A Group of Experts under the Chairmanship of the Director General of Health Services met on 8th May, 1990 to review hospital procedures on care of HIV (Human Immuno Deficiency Virus) infected persons keeping in view the recommendations made by experts in a meeting convened by the Indian Council of Medical Research on the 6th march, 1990. The Group endorsed the recommendations made by the ICMR regarding hospital policies on care of HIV infected persons and prevention of accidental infection

In regard to the disposal of bodies of AIDS cases and associated post-mortem and embalming procedure, the Group made the following recommendations.-

- dead-bodies of all the cases of in-(i) fectious diseases like AIDS, rabies. hepatitis, measles etc. should be put in double polythene bag and sealed. The tags indicating the name of the deceased and infectivity of the body should be placed both on the body as well as on polythene bag.
- (ii) while performing post-mortem/ embalming, gloves and gum boots should be used by the staff and the staff should be properly immunised periodically against infectious diseases.
- (iii) a common proforma should be developed for embalming the body of cases of infectious diseases.

The Directorate General of Health Services issued detailed guidelines to the Principals of Medical Colleges on the 2nd May, 1990 regarding handling and disposal of dead-bodies of AIDS cases, care of HIV infected persons and prevention of accidental infection in hospitals.

Supply of Rice to Kerala

*30. SHRI VAKKOM PU-RUSHOTHAMAN: SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

- (a) the procurement of rice during the last seasons:
- (b) the monthly allotment of rice requested by Government of Kerala for statutory rationing;
- (c) how much has been sanctioned for the month of August, 1990;