

Primary Health Centres in Tribal Areas

243. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to provide more funds during the near future for additional Primary Health Centre in tribal or sub plan areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the alternative proposals for the improvement of the health of tribals,

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD):

(a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Treatment to T.B. Patients

244. SHRI SHRIKANTHA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of T.B. patients are living in Delhi;

(b) if so, the approximate number thereof;

(c) whether steps have been taken to provide better treatment to the T.B. patients; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD):

(a) and (b). Tuberculosis is not a notifiable disease. As such this Ministry does not have any specific statistics relating to the actual number of persons suffering from Tubercu-

losis. However, it is estimated that nearly 1.5% of the total population at any given point of time is suffering from the above disease.

(c) and (d). For treatment of T.B. Patients in the Capital, this Ministry is providing facilities like free supply of anti-Tuberculosis drugs material and equipment for diagnosis and treatment including short course Chemotherapy, as per norms under National Tuberculosis Control Programme.

Export of Textile Garments

245. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a great scope for increasing textile exports to Japan;

(b) if so, the possibility explored in that regard, if any; and

(c) the programme of Government in that regard during Eighth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government and various Textile Export Promotion Councils have been taking various measures to tap the potential in Japanese market. These measures include:-

(i) Visit of high level delegations to Japan.

(ii) Organising fairs and exhibitions in Japan.

(iii) Organising seminars on prospects on exports to Japan.