

- ing to train weavers on improved technology;
- (iii) Scheme of training a cadre of 'Bunkar Sevaks' for assisting weavers in transfer of improved technology;
- (iv) Protection to handlooms by reserving certain varieties of cloth for their exclusive production in the handloom sector;
- (v) Design support and provision of technological inputs through a number of Weavers' service Centres in the country;
- (vi) Special fiscal concessions to the handloom sector to remove the cost handicap of handlooms vis-a-vis the powerlooms;
- (vii) Assistance to weavers to enable them to form industrial type cooperatives.
- (viii) Thrift Fund Scheme which covers Group Insurance Scheme;
- (ix) Market Development Assistance Scheme including special rebate, Share Capital Assistance to Apex Societies and State Corporations to give market support to handloom products; and
- (x) The Janata Cloth Scheme under which it is ensured that reasonable level of wages is paid to handloom weavers

#### **Indian Workers Returned From Gulf Countries**

6437. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian workers, country-wise, who returned from Gulf countries due to loss of employment during the last two years;

(b) whether a survey has been conducted in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN):

(a) This information is not maintained.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not Arise.

#### **Steps to Cure Cancer and Medicine Discovered**

6438. SHRI CHIRANJI LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken so far and proposed to be taken to eradicate cancer disease;

(b) whether any effective medicine has since been discovered; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) to (c). Till date, the medical scientists have not found any effective method for eradication of cancer disease. However, a large percentage of cancer cases can be prevented through appropriate health education or can be cured through early detection. Necessary measures are being taken by the Government towards this direction.