

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the existing units encouraged to produce such food packets;

(d) whether any foreign country has evinced interest in this field; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) to (e). No final Plans have been worked out at Government level to provide low cost ready-to-eat food in packets for the common man. Already, a number of units, both in the organised and unorganised sectors, are engaged in the production of ready-to-eat food. Besides, certain public sector units are also producing energy food, primarily for the Welfare Feeding Programmes of the State Governments. The Ministry of Food is not aware of any interest having been shown by any foreign country in this field.

Health Care for Children

8205. PROF ASHOK ANANDRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the UNICEF Report 1982 according to which reduced child deaths have indicated a trend of fewer births in India;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the measures taken by the Government for providing better health care for children during the last one year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARATHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) With the decline in Infant Mortality Rate and higher assurance of the survivability of their children, people are more and more motivated for acceptance of the small family norm and consequently there is fertility decline.

(c) The measures include intensification of the following programmes:

(d) Universal Immunisation Programme to protect infants against Poliomyelitis, Tetanus, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tuberculosis and Measles and pregnant women against Tetanus.

(ii) Oral Rehydration Therapy Programme for controlling deaths due to dehydration caused by diarrhoea among children upto the age of 5 years.

(iii) Control of Acute Respiratory Infections in children to cut down deaths to pneumonia.

(iv) Prophylaxis Schemes against nutritional Anaemia among mothers and children and Prophylaxis against blindness among children due to Vitamin 'A' deficiency.

Aids Test Kits

8206. SHRI RAM CHANDRA DOME: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an inexpensive AIDS virus test kit has recently been developed by the scientists of International Development Research Centre and Rockefeller Foundation; USA;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to introduce this kit in India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof including the

time by which it is likely to be marketed in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARATHA): (a) to (d). Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the house.

Recruitment of Teaching Staff in Medical Colleges

8207. SHRI BHEEM SINGH PATEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the recommendations of the Medical Council of India regarding recruitment of teaching staff in Medical Colleges;

(b) whether these recommendations are being implemented; and

(c) if not, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARATHA): (a) The recommendations of the Medical Council of India regarding recruitment of teaching staff in medical colleges are as follows:

FOR BROAD SPECIALTIES

Lecturer: Recognised post-graduate qualification in the subject, i.e., MD/MS.

Reader: Experience as Lecturer in the concerned subject for 5 years in a medical college.

Professor: Experience as Reader in the concerned subject for 4 years in Medical College.

FOR SUPER SPECIALTIES

Lecturer: Recognised post-graduate super speciality qualification in the concerned subject.

Reader: Experience as Lecturer in the concerned subject for 5 years in a medical college.

Professor: Experience as Reader in the concerned subject for 4 years in a Medical College.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Central Forest Universities

8208. SHRI BAPU HARI CHAURE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up Central Forest Universities in the Country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) Forest Research Institute, Dehra Dun, one of the Institutes under the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education, has been declared as a "Deemed University" by the Central Government w.e.f. 6th December, 1991. There is no proposal under consideration at present to set up any more Central Forest Universities in the country.

(b) The "Demand University" would offer