

(f) the preventive measures taken/being taken to check such cases?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI S. B. CHAVAN)

(a) to (f): Sizable quantities of arms and ammunitions, explosives and other materials were smuggled into the country in the recent months. The Bombay police, in coordination with the various concerned Central agencies, is continuing will its investigations in the matter. Government had asked all state Governments, especially those neighboring Maharashtra, to launch systematic action to locate and seize the materials under reference, of which substantial quantities have been recovered. It would not be in the interest of the investigation to disclose further details.

Government had also asked the State Governments, especially Maharashtra and Gujarat, to appoint nodal officers for coordinating all actions for enforcing reinforced surveillance, especially along the coast. Appropriate instructions have also been issued to the Navy, Coast Guard and Customs for carrying out intensive patrolling in the high-seas as well as along the coast line. The outcome of these efforts is being regularly monitored.

Shortage of IV Fluids

*990. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE:

DR. D. VENKATESWARA RAO:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the reported shortage of intravenous fluids (IV fluids) in Government-run hospitals, particularly in the safdarjung Hospital, Delhi;

(b) whether some patients have died due to non-availability of IV fluids resulting in inordinate delay in treatment;

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

(d) the remedial measures taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND):

(a) No shortage has been reported by the Government hospitals of Delhi except for Safdarjung Hospital which experienced temporary shortage of IV fluids. Steps have already been taken to normalise the supply of IV fluids.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d): Do not arise.

National Leprosy Eradication Programme

*991. SHRI BALRAJ PASSI: Will the minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any review of the National Leprosy Eradication programme has been undertaken;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof;

(c) whether any intensive measures have been taken to detect the number of persons affected by leprosy in Uttar Pradesh;

(d) if so, the number of patients identified during the last three years;

(e) whether any specific preventive measures are being taken in Uttar Pradesh to prevent this disease; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND)