

considering the special situation there, its quota should be increased. I want to know from the Government whether it is going to increase the kerosene quota of Gujarat Government?

[English]

CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA: Sir, the fact of the matter is that it is not only in Gujarat, but the pressing demand for additional kerosene supplies is coming from all over the country. To improve the situation, I believe the Public Distribution System needs to be strengthened up on the one hand and on the other hand, to augment the supply, we have introduced the parallel marketing system. This will augment the supply through the Public Distribution System. But, through the Public Distribution System divergence is taking place at the State Government level. Instead of reaching the targeted group, the poorest of the poor, it is being diverted. If the State Governments, through their administration, can ensure that there is no divergence of this kerosene which is being given to the various States, the situation will vastly improve.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Tubewell Projects in Bihar

[English]

*143. SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have released the funds for the World Bank aided tubewell projects in Bihar;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by which these are likely to be released?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Cholera and Gastroenteritis

[Translation]

*148. SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA:
SHRI CHINMAYANAND SWAMI:

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

(a) whether several deaths have been reported in the country due to Gastroenteritis and Cholera during May-June, 1993:

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to check these diseases?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

(a) and (b). Some deaths from Cholera and Gastroenteritis are reported every year during summer months. Complete information from all the States for May and June 93 is not available. However, there has been no report of any major epidemic during this period.

(c) The measures normally taken by the health authorities to check these diseases are: