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[Translation]

Zonal Blood Testing Centres*8. **SHRI V. KRISHNA RAO :**

SHRI PROBIN DEKA : Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the criterion for sanctioning of a Zonal Blood Testing Centre ;

(b) the number of Zonal Blood Testing Centres attached to the Blood Banks throughout the country, particularly in Delhi;

(c) whether many of the Zonal Blood Testing Centres are not attached to any blood banks ;

(d) whether the Government are contemplating a uniform policy to keep all the Zonal Blood Testing Centres attached to the Blood Banks;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) (a) Zonal Blood Testing Centres have been established in a phased manner with a view to provide maximum coverage to major blood banks so as to minimise the possibility of transmission of HIV infection through blood transfusions in most vulnerable areas. All metropolitan cities, State capitals and cities with a population of 5 lakh and above have been covered by Zonal Blood Testing Centres.

(b) There are 150 Zonal Blood Testing Centres throughout the country which include 9 such Centres in Delhi. The 9 Zonal Blood Testing Centres in Delhi provide linkages to 26 Blood Banks.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) to (f) : The Government is following a uniform policy in this respect.

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*9. **SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH :** Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether as per the report of the World Health Organisation most of the deaths in Uttar Pradesh, particularly in Mainpuri district, occur as a result of cancer caused mainly by chewing of tobacco;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Government for the detection and diagnosis of this disease, particularly in Uttar Pradesh ;

(d) whether the Government propose to provide diagnostic facilities in Primary Health Centres; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Under National Cancer Control Programme emphasis is laid on prevention and early detection of cancer and augmentation of treatment facilities. A number of new schemes have accordingly been initiated from the year 1990-91 for various States including Uttar Pradesh.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Leprosy Patients*10. **SHRI MAHESH KANODIA :****DR. ROMESH CHAND TOMER :**

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

(a) whether the number of leprosy patients is increasing in the country;

(b) the efforts made by the Government for controlling this dreaded disease and the contribution made by various institutions and organisations therein; and