

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the decision taken by the Union Government thereon;

(d) whether the Government have included some new priorities under Health for All by 2000 A.D.; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA) : (a) to (c). The Planning Commission has been allocating increased outlays for State Sector Health Programmes as shown below :

	(Rs. in crores)
1992-93	817.84 (Expenditure)
1993-94	929.85 (Revised approved outlay)
1994-95	1241.48 (Increased outlay)

Outlay for Centrally Sponsored Schemes for control of Communicable and Non-communicable diseases have also been increased over the years as indicated below :

	(Rs. in crores)
1992-93	208.89 (Expenditure)
1993-94	232.54 (Expenditure)
1994-95	393.25 (Revised approved outlay)

(d) and (e). During the Eighth Five Year Plan more emphasis has been laid on containment of population growth through people's cooperation, strengthening of Primary Health Care facilities, Universal immunisation, control of communicable diseases, control of blindness and Child Survival and Safe Motherhood.

[English]

Coir Products

*239. PROF. K.V. THOMAS :

SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the coir and coir products exported during the last three years and the target fixed for the current financial year;

(b) whether the target is likely to be achieved;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to improve the quality of coir and coir products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Coir and Coir Products exported during the last 3 years are as under :

91-92	30959 Tonnes	-	Rs. 74.12 crores
92-93	32354 Tonnes	-	Rs. 95.95 crores
93-94	37951 Tonnes	-	Rs.129.37 crores

The target for the current year (94-95) is US \$ 45.6 million (Rs. 142 crores).

(b) Yes, the target has already been achieved and surpassed.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The steps taken by the Board to improve the quality of Coir and coir products are :

(1) The Board observed quality year from Oct, 93 to Sept, 94 to educate the coir workers at the grassroot level on the importance of quality awareness.

(2) Establishment of Common Facility Centres to improve quality of dyeing, bleaching of coir yarn being used for the manufacture of coir products.

(3) Assistance for construction of loom sheds to improve the production, infrastructure and quality of coir products.

(4) Development and popularisation of motorised ratts to improve the output and quality of coir yarn.

(5) Development and popularisation of semi-automatic looms to improve the quality of coir matting.

Cancer

*240. SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Council of Medical Research has conducted any study on the impact of vehicular pollution and effluents from chemical factories on the incidence of lung diseases and cancer;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof;

(c) the cities where the study was conducted; and

(d) the follow-up action taken by the Government on the recommendations made by ICMR in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA) : (a) and (b). The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has conducted studies on the air pollution and its impact on health. No specific study on the effect of vehicular pollution and effluents from chemical factories on lung cancer has been carried out by the Council. Pollutants were found to be the highest in the areas with dense vehicular traffic, which also showed higher morbidity rates.

(c) The studies/surveys were conducted in Ahmedabad, Bangalore and Bombay.

(d) Films for public awareness have been made by Environmental Medical Research Centre (EMRC), Ahmedabad and shown under the UGC Programme on Doordarshan.