

[Translation]

By-Pass Surgery

2625. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have stopped disbursement of discretionary fund/relief fund to patients for bye-pass surgery, kidney transplantation and other serious surgical treatment;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have taken any steps to provide financial assistance to the said patients from Ministers discretionary fund; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. R. ANTULAY) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) In view of above - Doesn't arise.

(c) and (d). The Government continues to give financial assistance to the said patients from Health Minister's Discretionary Fund from its inception. The amount of this grant at present in each case is limited to Rs.20,000/- in any single case during a financial year. In special circumstances, however, a larger amount may be expended with the prior concurrence of the Ministry of Finance.

[English]

Fake Medicines

2626. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA : will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that fake and expired medicines are sold in Kanpur and other parts of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken against the guilty firms?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. R. ANTULAY) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

[Translation]

Polio Vaccination to Children Travelling in Railways

2627. SHRI BRIJBHUSHAN SHARAN SINGH :

SHRI AMAR PAL SINGH :

SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Railways have decided to inject

polio vaccination to all the children upto age of three years travelling in all the long distance trains; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI) : (a) and (b). In accordance with the decision taken by the Government for carrying out a special campaign of pulse polio immunization on 9th December, 1995 and 20th January, 1996, teams of railway doctors and para-medical staff immunized the eligible children on the stations and in long distance trains on 9th December, 1995. Arrangements have been made to repeat the same on 20th January, 1996.

[English]

Railway Stations

2628. SHRIMATI CHANDRA PRABHA URS : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to hand over the cleanliness and maintenance of Bangalore and Mysore City Railway Stations to Private Party;

(b) if so, whether tenders have been floated;

(c) the expenditure likely to be incurred for giving it to Private Parties;

(d) the time by which it is likely to be handed over to Private Parties; and

(e) the names of other railway Stations proposed to be handed over to Private Parties for cleanliness and maintenance in Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI) : (a) A proposal is under consideration to give a contract for beautification-cum-maintenance of Bangalore City Railway Station in lieu of sole advertisement rights.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d). The details have not yet been worked out.

(e) It is proposed to give a contract for Mangalore station under beautification-cum-maintenance scheme in lieu of sole advertisement right.

[Translation]

Development of Science and Technology

2629. SHRI RAM SINGH KASHWAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the programmes chalked out for the development of Science and Technology during the current plan period; and

(b) important locations in Rajasthan to be included under these programmes ?