

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY) : (a) and (b) The retired employees are already availing of CGHS facility where the scheme is functioning. The retired employees who are residing in non-CGHS covered areas can avail of CGHS facility by getting a card issued from the nearest CGHS covered city on payment of the prescribed subscription.

(c) The question does not arise.

#### Medical Reimbursement

1383. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Government employees/spouses are being referred to St. Stephan's Hospital, Delhi for the maternity purposes;

(b) whether the charges paid by the patient so referred, are fully reimbursed by the Government;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to reimburse the full charges paid by the patient to the hospital?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The reimbursement of expenditure is made to the beneficiaries as per rates fixed by the Government from time to time

#### Mumbai Water Supply Project-III

1384. SHRI RAMCHANDRA MAROTRAO GHANGARE : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry have given clearance to the Mumbai Water Supply Project-III;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) The scheme has not been referred to the Ministry for Environmental and Forestry Clearance.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

#### CGHS Dispensary

1385. SHRI SOMJIBHAI DAMOR : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of Central Government retired and serving employees are residing in Group Housing Societies and other colonies situated at the Outer Ring Road, Pitampura, facing Mangolpuri;

(b) whether these employees are attached with CGHS dispensary situated at Shakurbasti, facing inner Ring Road;

(c) whether the above CGHS beneficiaries have to travel by the circuitous route of around 8 kms to reach the said dispensary;

(d) whether the Government contemplate it proper that the patients in whatsoever critical condition they may be, should spend much time in waiting and boarding a number of buses to reach the said dispensary; and

(e) if not, the reasons for not starting atleast a mobile dispensary in the said locality itself?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY) : (a) These are colonies where a mixed population of Government Employees (retired and serving) and other are residing.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Although the CGHS dispensary in Shakurbasti is fairly centrally located, it is possible that beneficiaries staying in the outskirts of the demarcated area covered under this dispensary, may have to travel some distance.

(d) and (e) Since patients in critical condition require hospitalisation, the Sanjay Gandhi Memorial Hospital is serving the urgent needs of these colonies.

#### Japanese Encephalitis

1386. SHRI THAYIL JOHN ANJALOSE :

SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMCHANDRAN :

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

(a) whether there has been attack of Japanese Encephalitis recently in some parts of Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any request has been received from Kerala Government for medical and financial assistance in supporting their efforts to eradicate Japanese Encephalitis from the State; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As reported by the Directorate of National Malaria Eradication Programme (NMEP) there are 76 cases of Japanese Encephalitis (JE) and 24 death due to JE in Alappuzha and Kottayam districts of Kerala upto 22nd February, 1996. Further, 2 suspected cases, 1 each from Kozhikkodu and Pathanamthitta districts were also reported during the period.