

up tree plantation in the districts where the industry has been established. This is in addition to the measures which the industry is required to adopt to control pollution from their operations.

(c) to (e). No proposals for financial assistance have been received in this regard.

### Hepatitis

47. SHRIMATI KRISHNENDRA KAUR (DEEPA) : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether hepatitis is the third largest killer disease in the country;

(b) whether this disease can be eradicated by vaccination;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government propose to organise a vaccination campaign like the recent pulse polio campaign to eradicate hepatitis;

(e) is so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY) : (a) No, Sir. However, Viral Hepatitis is an important public health problem in the country.

(b) and (c). Vaccines are available only for Hepatitis A Virus and B. Virus. For other viruses (HCV, HDV, and HEV) causing Hepatitis vaccines are yet to be developed.

(d) to (f). Central Government has no such proposal under consideration at present.

[Translation]

### Homoeopathy Council

48. SHRIMATI KESHARBAI SONAJI KSHIRSAGAR : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Central Homoeopathy Council has been constituted by the Government;

(b) if so, whether there is similarity in the functions of Medical Council of India and Homoeopathic Council; and

(c) whether officers are appointed in the Homoeopathy Council on the basis of Homoeopathic Medical qualifications ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN SYSTEMS OF MEDICINE AND HOMOEOPATHY) (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : (a) and (b) . Yes, Sir.

(c) Appointments to all technical posts in the Central Council of Homoeopathy are made on the basis of candidates having Homoeopathic Medical qualifications.

[English]

### Resurgence of T.B.

49. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government has approached WHO to tackle the resurgence of T.B. all over the country;

(b) if so, the kind of assistance sought from WHO; and

(c) the measures proposed to be taken to tackle and control TB ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY) : (a) and (b) . No, Sir. There has been no resurgence of TB in the country.

(c) Tuberculosis has been a major public health problem in the country. To control the disease the National Tuberculosis Programme is being implemented in the country since 1962. A revised strategy is being adopted to strengthen the programme and substantially improve cure-rates. The strategy is being implemented in 15 Project sites with World Bank assistance on a trial basis.

### Rotting Paddy

50. SHRI S.S.R. RAJENDRA KUMAR : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that paddy worth over Rs. 450 crores is rotting without milling due to the policy pursued by the Food Corporation of India;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether the Government have any proposal to investigate into the present state of affairs; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH) : (a) Government has no information of any paddy rotting without milling.

(b) to (d) . Do not arise.

[Translation]

### Environmental Projects of Rajasthan

51. SHRI KUNJEE LAL : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the projects launched to improve environment and for the development of forests and wildlife in Rajasthan with the Central and foreign assistance during 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96;

(b) the financial assistance made available during the said period for this purpose, project-wise; and

(c) the achievements made in this regard during the said period, project-wise ?