

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) All the dispensaries are having 'limited Services' during 1.00 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. in Summer and from 1.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. in winter season. One doctor alongwith one Group 'D' employee is available to attend all patients. During the period the main store and Dispensing Counter are not open. However essential medicines are issued by the doctor for a period of 2-3 days as the case may be to all beneficiaries who visit the dispensaries.

Deaths due to Gastro-Enterities and Fever

3290. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether gastro-enterities and mysterious fever take a heavy toll of human lives every year in some States;

(b) whether the Union Government have identified those States;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the help extended by the Union Government to those State Governments to provide treatment to the affected people ?

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THA) : (a) to (d) A large number of cases of gastro-enterities are periodically reported from the various States. Cases of fever which prior to diagnosis are reported as mysterious fever, usually on investigation proved to be Malaria, Typhoid or diseases caused by various virus such as Dengu Japanese Encephalitis, etc. The Central Government send teams from NICO to affected States to help investigation of out-break of such diseases and suggest control measures. Diarrhoeal Diseases Control Programme is being sponsored and coordinated by the Central Government and implemented through State Health authorities. Management of the cases is the responsibility of the State Government.

Setting up of National Institute for Siddha in Madras

3291. SHRI R. KANAGA GOVINDARAJULU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a National Institute for Siddha in Madras; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) and (b) There is a proposal for some outlay for National Institute of Siddha in Tamil Nadu during the Eighth Plan. The Eighth Plan has not yet been finalised by the Planning Commission.