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**Mysterious Killer Disease**

3324. SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any cause of the mysterious killer disease in the capital has been found out;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the steps taken to establish the cause of the disease;

(c) whether the Doctors of Batra Hospital, New Delhi and its medical research centre claim to have found the reasons of the disease and diagnosis thereof;

(d) if so, the details thereof and whether the claim has been counter checked; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken to modernise the testing system of blood etc. in various Government Hospitals in the capital to check the disease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MATI D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b) There is no mystery about the disease. It has been diagnosed as Heat-Hyperpyrexia.

(c) and (d) Batra Hospital, New Delhi, have treated Viral Encephalitis called Herpes Simplex Encephalitis, which is a different disease altogether.

(e) Government hospitals have good testing system of blood.

**Amendments to Copyright Act**

3325. SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to amend the Copyright Act, so as to preserve the authenticity of the writings of Vishwakavi Rabindra Nath Tagore;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c) The provisions of the Copyright Act, 1957 are being reviewed comprehensively.

**Shramik Vidyapeeths in Andhra Pradesh**

3326. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Shramik Vidyapeeths alongwith their location functioning in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether the Government propose to open Shramik Vidyapeeths at Kakinada and Eluru during the Eighth Plan period;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) There are Five Shramik Vidyapeeths working in Andhra Pradesh. They are located in Visakhapatnam, Vijaywada, Guntur, Hyderabad & Ranga Reddy.