

[Translation]

Social and Economic Conditions of Child Labour

2632. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have conducted any survey regarding economic and social conditions of child labour in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) (a) and (b) A diagnostic study was carried out during 1979 in select industries and a report published in 1981 by the Labour Bureau. According to the conclusions of the study, extreme poverty, lack of opportunity for gainful employment, intermittency of income and low standards of living are the main reasons for wide prevalence of child labour.

H.S.G. Test in DR. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, New Delhi

2633. SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the H.S.G. test in Gynaecology Department of Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, New Delhi is not carried out on the date given to the patients by the hospital authorities;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of patients to whom date for H.S.G. test was given twice since January, 1991 to 31st July, 1991 and the reasons for not carrying out their H.S.G. test;

(d) whether the Union Government propose to take concrete steps to improve the functioning of O.P.D Gynaecology Department of Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, New Delhi so that the H.S.G. test could be carried out on the date given to the patients; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI. D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b). Histo-salpingo-graph (HSG) test may not be carried out on the given date because of the following reasons:-

Medical reasons:

- (i) Patient has developed irregular period (as sometime happens in infertile female patients), so the appointed date does not correspond to her pre-ovulatory phase.
- (ii) Patient has missed her period after taking the appointment and she is suspected to be pregnant.
- (iii) Patient has actually conceived during weeks between last hospital visit and date for Histo-salpingo-graph (HSG).
- (iv) Patient develops some inter-current illness like fever, pelvic inflammation etc. so Histo-salpingo-graph (HSG) is contra-indicated during the illness.
- (v) Patient forgets about exact date of her previous menstrual period.

Technical reasons:

Failure of X-ray equipment in the Radiology department.