

**Setting up of National Commission on Teachers**

2007. SHRI MUHIRAM SAIKIA:  
DR. SUDHIR RAY:  
SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR  
GANGWAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a National Commission on Teachers;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Central Government had appointed two national Commissions on Teachers in February, 1983- one dealing with teachers at the school stage and the other for teachers at the higher education level (including Technical Education). The reports of these Commissions were received in 1985. The Reports of these Commissions have duly been considered by Government. The matter relating to working conditions of teachers was also considered in the context of Review of National Policy on Education, 1986, and follow up action taken on the report of the Review committee.

**Vacancies of Teachers in Kendriya Vidyalayas**

2008. SHRI MUHIRAM SAIKIA:  
SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the category-wise vacancy of teach-

ers in Kendriya Vidyalayas as on November 1, 1991;

(b) whether the panels of direct recruits formed in 1989-90 are still in operation;

(c) if so, the reasons for not filling up the vacancies; and

(d) the time by which all these vacancies are likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) the category-wise vacancies of teachers/in Kendriya Vidyalayas as on 1st November, 1991 is not readily available and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) According to sequence given in the transfer guidances approved by the Board of Governors, the panels of teachers for direct recruitment is to be taken up after the transfers.

[*Translation*]

**Discovery of cancer Medicine**

2009. SHRI JANARDAN MISRA:  
SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH  
YADAV:

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

(a) whether any new medicine has been developed for Cancer patients by the Indian Institute of Chemical Technology, Hyderabad and also by Cipla named 'Atocid';

(b) if so, the datalist thereof;

(c) whether the said medicine has been tested and found fit for use; and

(d) 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) The technology for an anti-cancer drug 'Etoposide' has been developed which involves the use of podophyllotoxin. It has been found to be useful for the treatment of cancer of lung, ovary, test sand lymphoma, etc. The brand name of the drug is 'Atocid'.

(c) and (d) Government has examined the efficacy and safety data of the medicine in consultation with cancer experts and has approved the drug for marketing.

#### **Kala-Azar Disease**

2010. SHRI JANARDAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether various parts of the country had been in the grip of Kala-azar during the last two months;

(b) if so, the names of the worse affected States and the number of persons died as a result thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to eradicate this disease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b) Kala-azar is endemic only in two States viz., Bihar and West Bengal. During the last two months, 258 deaths due to Kala-azar has been reported from West Bengal during the last two months.

(c) The following specific steps are being undertaken to contain the spread of this disease;

-Systematic case detection & treatment of all patients with drugs like Sodium Stibu Gluconate, Pentamidine etc.

-Interruption of transmission through vector control by undertaking residual insecticidal spraying in affected areas

-with two rounds of DDT.

-Improvement of general sanitation in and around the house to eliminate breeding ground or sandfly, the vector for Kala-azar.

-Intensification of health education activities for disease

-prevention.

-Praining of medical and para-medical personnel in the diagnosis and treatment of Kala-azar cases.

#### **Literacy rate in tribal areas**

2011. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATEL: Will the MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the rate of literacy in tribal and backward areas;

(b) the efforts being made by the Government for spreading literacy in these areas;

(c) whether the number of school going children is still very less in tribal areas;

(d) if so, whether the Government propose to formulate any scheme for increasing the percentage thereof;