

(c) whether potable drinking water and good quality food are provided to the inmates; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b): The Delhi Administration has reported that it is not a fact that all unnatural deaths in Tihar Jail are on account of unhygienic conditions and lack of medical facilities. However, two deaths did occur due to outbreak of gastro-enteritis in June, 1992. Delhi Administration have taken certain measures for improving Jail conditions which include construction of more Jails, augmentation of water supply, improvement in the sanitary conditions, improvement in the medical conditions etc.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

Expansion Schemes of Bharat Petroleum and Indian Oil in Kerala

426. SHRI P.C.THOMAS: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bharat Petroleum and Indian Oil Corporation have any expansion schemes in Kerala; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH KUMAR SHARMA): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The following two projects are under implementation:

- (i) Tank Lorry filling facility at Irumpanam by Bharat Petroleum Corporation
- (ii) LPG Bottling Plant at Cochin by Indian Oil Corporation.

Malaria Prone States

427. KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have identified the malaria prone States;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the rapid spread of malaria in these States; and

(c) the steps taken to eradicate malaria from the country?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B.SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The States in the North-East and Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa and Rajasthan have high incidence of malaria.

Parasite resistance to common drugs, vector resistance to conventional insecticides coupled with climatic environmental factors and operational deficiencies are the main reasons.

(c) Towards effective malaria control, malariogenic stratification with revised strategy consisting of prompt case detection and treatment and use of new biotechnologies for vector control are planned. For tribal areas, where the problem is persistently of very high intensity, it is planned to implement the programme as a 100% centrally sponsored scheme.

[Translation]

Sales Tax on Wheat in Delhi

428. SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA: SHRI B.L.SHARMA PREM:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to impose Sales Tax on wheat in Delhi;