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**Alleged Irregularities in Food Research
and Standardization Laboratory,
Ghaziabad**

598. SHRI SURENDRA PAL PATHAK:

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

(a) whether the Government have received complaints in regard to alleged irregularities in the matter of appointments, sale and purchase of articles and testing of food samples in the Food Research and Standardization Laboratory, Ghaziabad;

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard so far;

(c) whether the Government have any proposal to shift this laboratory; and

(d) if so, the location identified for the purpose?

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

(b) The complaints are being looked into for appropriate action.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Royalty to Maharashtra

599. SHRI ANNA JOSHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of royalty being paid to Maharashtra from Bombay High;

(b) whether the Government have any proposal to increase the royalty;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA): (a) No royalty is payable to any State Government in respect of crude oil produced off-shore.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

**National Research and Development
Cell for Agricultural Medicine**

600. PROF. (SMT.) RITA VERMA:
DR. RAMESHCHAND TOMAR:

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

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a National Research and Development Cell in the Indian Council of Medical Research for promotion of research in agricultural medicine; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

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Survey Regarding Earthquake

601. SHRI BALRAJ PASSI:
SHRI DEVI BUX SINGH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state: