

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) There are 197 Primary Health Centres in North Gujarat. In addition 251 Rural Family Welfare Centres are functioning in Gujarat at Block level PHCs.

(b) Primary Health Centres are funded by the State sector under the Minimum Needs Programme.

The details of funds released to Rural Family Welfare Centres are:—

Year	Rs. in Lakhs
1992-93	541.20
1993-94	725.00
1994-95 (till date)	455.59

FPI in Tribal Areas

1720. SHRI GABHAJI MANGAJI THAKORE: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the subsidy provided to food processing units in the tribal areas during the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) the details of assistance provided under various schemes to Gujarat and Rajasthan during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) The Ministry is operating various Plan Schemes for the development of food processing industries in the country, including those in the tribal areas. Assistance level under some schemes, for the tribal areas are 25% more than other areas. Details of assistance provided under the plan schemes of the Ministry, the benefits of which may mainly accrue to tribal area, are given below for the last three years:—

(Rs. in Lakhs)

1991-92	416.91
1992-93	238.72
1993-94	302.28

(b) Details of assistance provided under various schemes to the States of Gujarat and Rajasthan during the last three years are as under:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

	91-92	92-93	93-94
Gujarat	8.75	112.00	8.55
Rajasthan	1.00	—	5.70

Artificial Insemination

1721. SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR:
SHRI SURENDRA PAL PATHAK:

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

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Kritrim garbhadhan par niyam na hone sey pharji doctors ki mauz" appearing in "Jansatta" dated September 9, 1994;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

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

(b) and (c) Guidelines on ethical issues for Assisted Reproduction technologies are being formulated.

Eye Banks

1722. SHRI C. P. MUDALAGIRIYAPPA:
SHRI K. G. SHIVAPPA:

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

(a) the number of Eye-banks in the country; and

(b) the estimated number of patients benefitted by these eye banks during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) About 150 Eye Banks are functioning in the country and 11,000 people are estimated to have benefited from these Banks.

[Translation]

Filaria and Malaria Kala Azar

1723. SHRI BRIJ BHUSAN SHARAN SINGH:
SHRI BALRAJ PASSI:
SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY:

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

(a) whether our scientists have discovered a new technique for the early diagnosis of the three major diseases, Malaria, Filaria and Kala Azar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the estimated number of people likely to be benefitted by this technique?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) to (c) research and development activities are being conducted at various institutions to develop newer tests for the diagnosis and early detection of Malaria, Filaria and Kala Azar. The techniques developed in the laboratory are still under trial and screening.

[English]

Fleet Strength of DTC

*1724. SHRI B.L. SHARMA PREM:
SHRI RAM SADAN:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of buses in DTC fleet at present and the number of buses lying idle in different Depots;

(b) the average number of DTC buses which ply on the roads daily;