

[English]

Food in Poly-Packs

1861. SHRI JAGATVIR SINGH DRONA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether food packed in poly-packs lead to skin diseases; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to avoid the situation?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Containers made of plastics used for packing or storing food are required to conform to statutory specifications.

World Bank Assistance from Health Plans

1862. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI:
SHRI KESRI LAL:
SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI:
SHRI MAHESH KANODIA:
SHRI KANSHI RAM RANA:
SHRI ANKUSHRAO RAOSAHEB TOPE:
SHRI KHELAN RAM JANGDE:

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

(a) whether the Union Government have sought assistance from the World Bank for health related programme in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any programme pertaining to any of the State Governments has been referred to the World Bank for assistance; and

(d) if so, the the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) The World Bank had sent an exploratory mission to study the feasibility of a possible World Bank loan for a comprehensive programme on National Non-Communicable Diseases Prevention and Control Programme and Upgradation of District Health Systems.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The Andhra Pradesh Health System Project for the upgradation of Secondary Level Hospitals was posed to the World Bank and negotiations completed successfully. The total cost of the project is estimated as US \$ 158 million out of which the IDA's credit would be US \$ 133 million (approx.)

Lime stone in Maharashtra

1863. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated reserves of Lime Stone in Maharashtra; and

(b) the quantity of Lime Stone extracted in the State during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) As per National Mineral Inventory as on 1.4.90, the total estimated

Lime Stone reserves in Maharashtra are 2,778,435 thousand tonnes.

(b) The total Quantity of Lime Stone produced in Maharashtra during the last three years is as follows:—
(Figures in thousand tonnes)

1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
5907	5580	5751

Setting up of Industrial Sector

1864. SHRI KESHRI LAL:
SHRI SANTA RAM POTDUKHE:
SHRI SARAT PATTANAYAK:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to set up a separate industrial sector in each State to assist Food Processing Units;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the allocation of funds made for such States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) to (c) A proposal has been mooted for assisting establishment of separate Food Processing Industrial Estates in different States on which action has been initiated.

[Translation]

Supply of medicines to State Governments

1865. SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to conduct any study into the possibilities of supplying medicines including drugs like Rainitidine to the State Governments for making arrangements in the Primary Health Centres;

(b) whether even minimum number and kind of drugs are not available to cater to the needs of the common people;

(c) whether a list of drugs of minimum necessity is to be sent to the Primary Health Centres according to their population density;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) the steps proposed to be taken to formulate a policy in this regard so that successfully tested drugs for specific diseases are supplied to the Primary Health Centres throughout the country; and

(f) the reaction of the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (f) Drugs are supplied to Primary Health Centres by State Governments.