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<b>6. National Family Welfare Programme</b>					
		4825000	97.21%	4998000	82.78%
		4825000	97.39%	4998000	83.86%
	BUG	4825000	96.65%	4998000	84.50%
	Sterilisation	700000	417781	522000	366055
	UID	1900000	1824830	1865280	1855252
	CCU	2248000	2405902	2637842	2420577

**Renewable Energy Development Sector**

7078. SHRI RAM KAPSE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources has convened a meeting recently to discuss programmes and policies in the sector of renewable energy development of the Southern Regional State Electricity Board at Madras; and

(b) if so, the decision taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) and (b). Meeting was organised recently at Madras to discuss plans, policies and institutional arrangements for encouraging development of renewable energy technology in the four Southern States. It was suggested in the meeting that the States should consider creation of a more conducive policy/infrastructural framework for providing greater thrust to the renewable energy sector. The meeting also provided an opportunity to review progress of major on-going non-conventional energy based projects, and to obtain feedback which could be used to make the policies and programmes more effective.

**Guinea Worm**

7079. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the States affected by guinea worm disease;

(b) whether the Government have helped several States in their efforts to eradicate guinea worm diseases; and

(c) if so, the details of the help extended to Rajasthan?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : (a) Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Karnataka are the states affected by guinea worm diseases as at present.

(b) and (c). Under the Guinea worm Eradication Programme, Government of India, provides cash

assistance and technical support to States affected by Guinea worm disease. Government of Rajasthan has been provided Rs. 10.44 lakh as cash assistance under GWEP from 1992-93 to 1994-95. National Institute of Communicable Diseases, New Delhi with the help of WHO assistance has deployed six epidemiological surveillance teams in Jodhpur, Nagaur, Bikaner, Barmer, Dungarpur and Jaipur to help Rajasthan State Government, District and PHC level authorities in proper implementation and monitoring of Guinea Worm Eradication Programme.

**Timber as Raw Material**

7080. PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any inter-action has taken place between the Development Commissioner of Small Scale Industries and the Ministry of Environment and Forests on the use of timber as raw material for products of SSI sector; and

(b) if so, the contents of the agreement arrived at?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b). Office of the Development Commissioner, Small Scale Industries being a Government Department is to follow the Government Policy in to. According to the National Forest Policy of 1988, no Forest based enterprise except that at the Village or at the Cottage level is permitted without first scrutinising carefully the assured availability of raw material.

The National Forest Policy, 1988 has been published by Ministry of Environment and Forest vide their letter no. 3-1/86-FP dated 7th Dec., 1988.

**Meeting with Militants**

7081. SHRI CHETAN P.S. CHAUHAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether some diplomats had a meeting with militant leaders recently;