

[English]

### Medical Research

405. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA :

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

(a) whether Rajendra Memorial Research Institute of Medical Sciences, Patna under ICMR is conducting research programme;

(b) if so, the achievements made by the Institute in the field of Medical research;

(c) whether the scientific instruments purchased by the Institute are lying idle; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government for proper utilisation of these instruments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA) :

(a) and (b) . Yes, Sir. Rejendra Memorial Research Institute of Medical Science, Patna has been conducting scientific research on various aspects of Kala-azar. Its research efforts have been aimed towards early diagnosis and evolving better strategies for control of the disease through multi disciplinary studies including community health education programmes.

(c) and (d). Some of the equipments, not in working order, are under repair in accordance with the recommendations of the Equipment Committee of the Institute.

### Encephalitis

406. SHRI UDAY SINGH RAO GAIKWAD :

SHRIMATI VANSUNDHARA RAJE :

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

(a) the states from where the cases of Encephalitis deaths were reported during the last six months alongwith details;

(b) whether large number of children were among the dead;

(c) if so, the causes for this disease; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to check the spreading of this killer disease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR.C. SILVERA) :

(a) State-wise details of reported cases and deaths due to Japanese Encephalitis (JE) during the last six months are as follows :-

STATE	CASES	DEATHS
Andhra Pradesh	15	6
Bihar	8	2
Tamil Nadu	33	12
West Bengal	12	6

(b) According to available information from the State of Tamil Nadu the majority of those who died were children.

(c) The disease is caused by mosquito bites carrying the Japanese Encephalitis virus. Some animal species like pig and horse are intermediate hosts for the virus.

(d) Steps taken to check spread of the Japanese Encephalitis are as under :

- Early diagnosis and proper management of cases;
- Vector control by insecticidal spray/fogging in identified areas;
- Vaccination of identified Japanese Encephalitis-prone groups;
- Regular monitoring of epidemiological trends, investigations and training;
- Information, education, communication activities to ensure early reporting and adopting of preventive measures.

[Translation]

### FUNDS FOR J & K

407. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VARMA :

will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the annual plan funds of Jammu and Kashmir for the year 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96;