

[Translation]

**Modernisation of Air Transport System**

445. SHRI RAM PAL SINGH :

SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to modernise the air transport system by air force;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount likely to be spent on the said work and the time by which it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) :

(a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) . Do not arise.

[English]

**OGHS Subscription**

446. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL :

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

(a) whether the rates of subscription of Central Government Health Scheme beneficiaries have been increased;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) what percentage of total annual cost of the scheme did the contributions from beneficiaries constitute, before and after revision of the rates;

(d) whether the Government have also raised the maximum amount of the cost of pacemakers and hearing aids provided to beneficiaries; and

(e) if so, the extent and the reasons therefor?

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the last four decades, while Pay and allowances of Government servants have undergone upward revision a number of times, the rate of subscription towards CGHS had not been revised since its inception in 1954. The cost of medicines and the cost of services have also increased manifold. The available data shows that the cost per family under Central Government Health Scheme in 1981-82 was Rs. 326/- which increased to Rs. 1,944/- per family during the year 1994-95, which means the expenditure of the scheme has increased at least five times over a period ten years.

(c) As the revision of rate became applicable from 1-4-94 onward, the comparative percentage is not readily available, because the CGHS contributions are deducted directly from the salaries of Central Govt. employees by the concerned Ministries Departments and the Appropriation Accounts for 1994-95 is yet to be prepared and finalised by the office of Controller General of Accounts, Ministry of Finance, Deptt. of Expenditure.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) In view of (d) above the question does not arise.

**Blood Bank**

447. MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI :

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

(a) whether the Government have any policy on ensuring safety in donation, storage and usage of blood;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not , the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government are aware of the large scale irregularity at Blood-Banks and lack of safety measures in these Banks;

(e) whether the Government have any plans to evolve a National Policy on donation, collection, and issue of blood;

(f) whether the Government have interacted with any voluntary or Non-Governmental Organisations in this regard; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?