

membership and terms of reference :

- Chairman :** 1. Prof. K. N. Kobra, Indian Institute of Public Administration, Indraprastha Estate, New Delhi.
- Members :** 2. Dr. A. K. Kundu, Deputy Director General (P), Dte. General of Health Services.
3. Director, V. P. Chest Institute, University of Delhi.
4. Dr. Prakash C. Gupta, Senior Research Scientist Tata Memorial Instt. for Fundamental Research, **Bombay**
5. Dr. K. S. Reddy, Professor of Cardiology, All India Instt. of Medical Sciences, New Delhi.
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7. Dr. Sukhdev Thorat, Additional Professor of Economics, School of Social Science, Jawahar Lal University.
8. Prof. K. N. Reddy, National Instt. of Financial Policy & Planning, New Delhi
9. Representative of Tobacco Board, Ministry of Commerce.
10. Director, Central Tobacco Research Institute, Rajahmundry, Andhra Pradesh.
11. Representative of Indian Tobacco Association, Virginia House, 37, Chauringhee, Calcutta-700 071.
12. **Convener**  
Dr. Kishore Chaudhry, Assistant Director General, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), New Delhi.

**Terms of Reference :**

The Committee will undertake a comparative study on the economics of tobacco use inter alia examining the tax revenue and foreign exchange earnings, employment and consumer expenditure on the one hand and the cost of tertiary level medical care facilities for treatment of tobacco-related diseases, losses due to fire hazard, ecological damage due to deforestation and disposal of tobacco-related waste on the other hand with a view to making an economic study of the impact of tobacco consumption.

**COIR RESEARCH CENTRE**

**2024. Shri Thayil John Anjalose :** Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the Government have any proposal to develop the Coir Research Centre in Kalavoor, Kerala; and  
(b) if so, the details thereof ?

**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) The information being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**HINDUSTAN LATEX LIMITED, TRIVANDRUM**

**2025. Shri A. Charles :** Will the Minister of Health and Family Welfare be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the Bio-Medical Engineering Wing of I.I.T., New Delhi has been vested with the responsibility of the testing the Copper-T manufactured by the Hindustan Latex Ltd., Trivandrum;

(b) whether any complaints has been received that the Scientists misused their power with ulterior motive of helping the manufacturers of Copper-T; and

- (c) if so, the action taken against the arring scientists ?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (Dr. C. Silvera) :** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Complaint had been received. As informed by Indian Institute of Technology, New Delhi, complaint relates to the decision/judgement of the experts in the matter of technical nature it is extremely difficult to verify such complaints.

**NRI ASSISTANCE TO MAHARASHRTA**

**2026. Shri Anna Joshi :** Will the Minister of Health and Family Welfare be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has sought the assistance from foreign countries and NRIs for improvement of the hospitals in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the assistance provided to Maharashtra during 1995-96 for the health care schemes ?

**The Minsiter of State in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (Dr. C. Silvera) :** (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) Nil

[Translation]

**IRREGULARITIES IN ANALYSING DATAS REGARDING DRINKING WATER**

**2027. Shri Mahesh Kanodia :** Will the Minister of Rural Areas and Employment be pleased to state :

- (a) whether irregularities on large scale have been noticed by the Union Government while analysing the data pertaining to drinking water facilities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and