

MR. SPEAKER: All right. It concerns your constituency. Please ask your question.

SHRI SURYA NARAYAN YADAV: Mr. Speaker, Sir, please listen to me. I am asking a good question. Sir, I would like to tell the hon. Minister that during 1991-92 the previous Government had decided to identify three districts in each State so as to provide special facilities to villages in backward areas. How far the Government has been able to complete the above task. Three districts from Bihar had been identified for this purpose but no action has so far taken in this regard.

MR. SPEAKER: This question is related to entire country.

SHRI SURYA NARAYAN YADAV: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I want to know from the hon. Minister whether the Government is going to implement the decision of the previous Government.

SHRI M.L.FOTEDAR: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the fact is that the plan made for Bihar in 1989 and 1990 was completed in 1991. In 1991 no new plan has been made.

Health Seminars



*577. SHRI SHIV LAL
NAGJIBHAI VEKARIA:
SHRI AVTAR SINGH
BHADANA:

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

(a) the number of seminars organised in the country during the last three years on various major diseases in which Indian and foreign specialists had participated;

(b) their main recommendations; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be

taken to implement those recommendations?

[English]

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

(a) Seminars on major diseases are organised by Central and State Governments, international bodies, professional associations, private and voluntary agencies etc. The information about total number of such seminars organised, is not available.

(b) Does not arise.

(d) The recommendations of important seminars and conferences are taken into consideration by Government while formulation strategies for control of these diseases.

[Translation]

SHRI SHIVLAL NAGJIBHAI VEKARIA: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I want to know from the Hon. Minister whether not a single seminar was organised by the Central Government or the State Governments during the last three years. Several institutions have organised seminars. Instead of giving any reply, the statement made in this regard is an attempt to evade it. Secondly, in reply to the part of my question in which I have asked the details of recommendations made in these seminars, it has been said that the question did not arise. It is very strange. It is a serious issue which is concerned with the health of the people of the country and the disease is very serious. It has appeared in many newspapers also, yet the hon. Minister has replied that the question does not arise. I want to know as to what recommendations were made in these seminars and what measures have been taken by the Government on

those recommendations.

SHRI M.L. FOTEDAR Mr. Speaker, Sir, I have great respect for the hon. Member. But I would have respected him more than this had he mentioned properly as to what seminar was organised about this disease either by the Central Government or by any institution. Seminars are organised in every district, every block of the country. There are a number of organisations, medical colleges, colleges. We cannot have the details as to what seminars are organised at different places. Because, if I give the details and if any error is found later in them, a case of breach of privilege in the Parliament will be lodged against me. Therefore, I told frankly that we do not have these details.

SHRISHIVLAL NAGJIBHAI VEKARIA: But there should be details in respect of the seminars organised by the Central Government.

SHRI M.L. FOTEDAR: Please have patience and listen to me. If the Hon. Member wants to know as to the diseases for which seminars were organised and what were their recommendations.

[English]

I would like to have a separate notice for that.

[Translation]

But the Hon. Member has referred to Aids. A number of seminars on Aids have been organised all over the country. Knowledge about how to check this disease and how to check the spread of HIV positive has been imported.

Similarly, seminars on other diseases have also been organised.

So, I would like to have a separate notice.

[Translation]

SHRISHIVLAL NAGJIBHAI VEKARIA: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I want to know whether the Central Government had organised any seminar. If so, what were its recommendations and what decision was taken by the Government?

[English]

SHRI M.L. FOTEDAR: To my knowledge, the Central Government, on its own part, did not organise any seminar.

[Translation]

SHRI ATAL BIAHRI VAJPAYEE: Mr. Speaker, Sir, please go through the question.

[English]

MR. SPEAKER: It is an omnibus question.

[Translation]

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Hon. Ministers said just now that foreign specialists participate in seminars organised at district and State levels. I would like to know whether foreign experts participate in all seminars. Had the reply been given about foreign experts also the number of such seminars would have been reduced to a small number and the hon. Minister would not have faced any problem to give the information. Please think over it again.

SHRI M.L. FOTEDAR: Mr. Speaker, Sir, it would have been better if he would have asked specifically about a particular disease on which seminar was organised

this year because seminars were organised in respect of many diseases such as Heart, AIDS, Blindness, Cancer as also about organs separately. Now I am at a loss to understand which seminar he is asking about? (*Interruptions*)

SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the hon. Minister has stated just now that a specific question should be asked. The hon. Minister must have read it. There are many diseases which are inter-linked. The hon. Minister should be reply in 'Yes' or 'no' whether Government is contemplating to invite experts of Cancer and AIDS.

MR. SPEAKER : You ask the question.

SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: I have asked whether any seminar had been organised by inviting foreign experts to fight the disease with any suitable medicine . He says the question is not specific. Why a reference has been made to foreign experts in it?

MR. SPEAKER : You have not read the original question. It is creating problems.

SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: I have read the original question.

MR. SPEAKER : Are you going to do something by inviting foreign experts?

SHRI M.L. FOTEDAR: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to submit that the Government does not propose to invite any foreign experts. Many Conferences have been organised and foreign experts have participated in them. The hon. Member has not asked about the recommendation made by them for specific disease. He may give a separate notice for it.

[*English*]

Then, I will supply the information.

[*Translation*]

SHRI GABHAJI MANGAJI THAKORE: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the hon. Minister has admitted in his reply. (*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER : Discussion does not take place on his reply during the Question Hour. Discussion takes place on your question.

SHRI GABHAJI MANGAJI THAKORE: Central Government, State Government and many other institutions organise these seminars. It has been admitted that seminars are organised. I would like to know how many seminars have been organised by Central Government..... (*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER : On what topic?

SHRI GABHAJI MANGAJI THAKORE: On Cancer, AIDS and other major diseases..... (*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER : Please make the best use of the time allotted.....(*Interruptions*)

[*English*]

MR. SPEAKER : I am disallowing it.....

Society for voluntary Action for Family Welfare and Health

*579. **SHRISHANKERSINH VAGHELA:** Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are planning to set up a society for Voluntary Action for Family Welfare and Health;

(b) if so, the expenditure envisaged thereon;

(c) the objectives of this society; and

(d) the reasons for setting up a new