

cal trials for providing their efficacy and suitability for mass use.

Strategy to eradicate T.B.

2662. DR. CHINTA MOHAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that T.B. has not been eradicated in the country due to failure to work out a strategy and regimen suited to our conditions;

(b) whether death rate from TB in India is one of the highest; and

(c) whether causes for ineffectiveness of BCG have been analysed and acted upon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. Strategy for tackling the problem of tuberculosis in the country and suitable drug regimens for treatment of tuberculosis patients have already been laid down under National Tuberculosis Control Programme. Due to the peculiar epidemiological, nature of the TB disease; its chronic nature and the development of the disease being related to a number of intrinsic and extraneous factors etc. tuberculosis has not been eradicated from any country of the world including India. Tuberculosis is not a notifiable disease nor the exact cause of death is available. As such it is not possible to state whether the death rate due to tuberculosis disease in India is the highest. The studies conducted recently by National Tuberculosis Institute, Bangalore in a limited area in South India has revealed that mortality rate due to Tuberculosis has come down in that area from about 80 to 53 per one lakh population.

(c) Yes, Sir. Since BCG Vaccination is known to prevent various types of post primary complications following the primary infection with the tubercle bacilli, BCG vaccination is now being continued as a part of the Expanded Programme of Immunisation in the new borns and infants.

Financial assistance to cultural institutions in North Eastern Region

2663. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the total amount granted as financial assistance to cultural institutions and/or organisations in the North-Eastern Region during the last three years with details of the total amounts granted to such institutions/organisations in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) : During the last three years a total amount of Rs. 22,73,553.50 was granted as financial assistance to cultural institutions and/or organisations in the North-Eastern Region. Out of this, a sum of Rs. 9,34,553.50 was granted to such institutions in Assam, the year-wise break-up of which is under :—

1983-84 — Rs. 3,45,250/-

1984-85 — Rs. 3,28,553.50

1985-86 — Rs. 2,60,750/-

Mushrooming of unregistered nursing homes in Delhi

2664. PROF. RAMKRISHNA MORE : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the mushrooming of the un-registered nursing homes in various parts of Delhi generating infection, sickness and disease with their unhygienic working conditions besides exploiting the patients;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any survey to know how many un-registered nursing homes in the city are working and what are their working conditions;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what steps have been taken by Government to have a fresh look at the