

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) : (a) No specific survey as such has been conducted by the Government about number of people who use homoeopathic medicines in the country.

(b) and (c). Yes. For the standardisation of homoeopathic medicines, the Government of India has appointed a Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeia Committee which has already brought out 4 volumes of Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeia of India covering 492 commonly known homoeopathic drugs.

The Government of India have also established a Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeia Laboratory for testing of homoeopathic drugs. Most of the manufacturing units are in the small scale sector and indirect price stability is being effected by the industry by competitiveness in marketing their products.

(d) Does not arise.

Check on AIDS Infected foreign Tourists

96. SHRI SOMNATH RATH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been any negligence in permitting AIDS-infected tourists to enter India ;

(b) what steps are being taken to prevent undesirable tourists from coming to India ; and

(c) other measures taken to isolate AIDS-both preventive and treatment ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) : (a) and (b). There is no procedure for screening tourists for AIDS virus infection. Hence the question of any negligence does not arise. Even the World Health Organisation, which is seriously concerned with this problem, does not recommend such a measure.

(c) Surveillance machinery has been expanded and augmented with establishment of 11 diagnostic centres for detection of

AIDS. In addition, 4 referral centres have also been established where higher level diagnostic facilities for AIDS are available.

There is no specific treatment for AIDS cases so far. At present the treatment of AIDS patients consists of specific treatment for varieties of opportunistic diseases and malignancies involved in each individual case.

However under the AIDS control, number of measures are being taken to control AIDS and prevent its further spread. These are :—

(a) restrictions have been imposed for import of blood and blood products without AIDS clearance certificate,

(b) All the State health authorities/hospitals/STD clinics have been alerted to look for AIDS.

(c) All the blood banks have been instructed to screen the professional blood donors.

(d) All the State health authorities have been advised to ensure strict sterilization practices in hospitals and clinics and to use pre-sterilised disposable syringes and needles as far as possible.

(e) Guidelines have been sent to all the State health authorities for health care personnel.

(f) All the mass media channels have been involved in educating the people on AIDS, its nature, transmission and prevention.

Import and Manufacture of Electric and Diesel Engines

97. SHRI MOHANBHAI PATEL :
SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA :

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of units which are manufacturing electric and diesel engines in the country and the annual demand and production of these engines in each unit ;

(b) whether Government propose to import electric engines and also diesel engines during the current financial year.

(c) if so, the total number of electric and diesel engines intended to be imported;

(d) the total cost to be incurred on the purchase ; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken to produce these engines indigenously to meet the demand ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Electric and diesel locomotives are being manufactured in the railway sector at Chittaranjan Locomotive Works, Chittaranjan (West Bengal) and diesel locomotives are being manufactured at Diesel Locomotive Works, Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh).

During the Sixth Five Year Plan, Chittaranjan Locomotive Works manufactured, on an average, 54 electric and 30 diesel locomotives per annum while Diesel Locomotive Works produced, on an average, 132 diesel locomotives per annum. During 1985-86, 54 electric and 27 diesel locomotives were manufactured by Chittaranjan Locomotive Works while Diesel Locomotive Works manufactured 126 diesel locomotives. The level of production of locomotives was generally as per demand and availability of funds.

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. Orders have been placed for the import of 18 numbers of 6000 H.P. prototype electric locomotives. It is also planned to import diesel locomotives with technology transfer. However, no electric or diesel locomotives are expected to be delivered during the current financial year.

(d) The FOB price of 18 prototype electric locomotives with accessories and spares etc. at the current exchange rate works out to approx. Rs. 60 crores. Tenders are yet to be floated for the import of 50 diesel locomotives and hence the cost is not yet known.

(e) The purchases are meant to acquire the latest type of locomotives with transfer of technology so that these are progressively manufactured in the country.

The Railways' manufacturing capacity, for diesel locomotives matches with the present demand. The work required for augmenting the Railways' capacity for the manufacture of electric locomotives to 80 electric locomotives per year has been sanctioned. Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd., has also been asked to manufacture five electric locomotives.

Helicopter service to pilgrim places

98. SHRI MOHANBHAI PATEL :

SHRI R.M. BHOYE :

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Helicopter Corporation of India is contemplating to connect a number of pilgrim places in India with helicopter service ;

(b) if so, the names of the pilgrim places which will be covered by helicopter service ; and

(c) by when the helicopter service is likely to be started in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) to (c). A survey was conducted which had proposed connecting of certain places of pilgrimage, by helicopter services. Helicopters acquired by the Helicopter Corporation of India Ltd. (HCIL) will initially be used mainly for providing air support for the offshore operations of the ONGC. Helicopters will also be provided to State Governments and Union Territories on wet-lease. After these priorities are met, HCIL will consider providing scheduled services, depending on the availability of capacity, the necessary infrastructure and economic viability of operations.

Infant Mortality Rate

99. DR. K.G. ADIYODI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the infant mortality rate State-wise during the last three years upto March, 1986 per thousand live births ;