

(a) whether Government have decided to see that existing agreements on river waters and awards of commissions were implemented; and

(b) whether Government propose to nationalise river waters of all the major rivers in the country and undertake in due course the responsibility for implementing and monitoring the irrigation projects ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B SHANKARANAND):

(a) The agreements and awards on river waters are to be implemented by the States concerned.

(b) No such proposal is under consideration.

#### Import of Drugs for Treatment of Cancer

142. SHRI BHATTAM SRIRAMA MURTY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether most of the vital drugs for treatment of cancer are imported from foreign countries and are not available to the patients at reasonable prices as they are sold by unscrupulous chemists under the counter;

(b) if so, the names of the various drugs for treatment of cancer which are imported and the import policy of the Government regarding import of such drugs; and

(c) whether Government would take suitable measures to ensure availability of all essential drugs for treatment of cancer at reasonable prices to the patients, at least through the net work of Super Bazar and other Co-operative drug store ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE):

(a) to (c). Most of the vital anti-cancer drugs are imported. No instance of non-availability to the patients at reasonable prices has come to the notice of Government.

Under the provisions of the Imports & Exports Policy, in individual patients, doctors and hospitals are permitted to import

anti-cancer drugs under OGL—Appendix VI List 3. The details of the drugs imported are given in the statement below.

All the anti-cancer drugs are price controlled under the Drugs Price Control Order and these are available in Super Bazar and other retail outlets.

#### STATEMENT

##### Import of Anti-Cancer Drugs During 1985-86

1. Busulphen
2. Chlorambucil
3. Cyclophosphamide (also includes TRITURATES)
4. Fluorouracil
5. Mercaptopurine
6. Melphalan
7. NNN—Triethylene Thiophosphamide (Thiotapa Prepn.)
8. Vinblastine Sulphate
9. Vincristine Sulphate
10. Daunorubicin
11. L-Asparaginase

#### R & D Efforts to Prevent Diseases

143. DR. G. VIJAYA RAMA RAO : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Medical R & D effort is totally inadequate in meeting and preventing well established and well known diseases and the new maladies such as AIDS;

(b) whether Government will strengthen R & D efforts for finding developing vaccines for leprosy, meningitis, malaria, cancer etc; and

(c) whether it is a fact that while in the Western World vaccines such as anti-rabies have been greatly improved, our vaccines remain as ancient as before and are also more risky leading to imports ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) : (a) No, Sir.