

physical facilities and the no. of children of eligible categories in the proposed place. It is therefore, not possible to indicate the time by which final decision will be taken in the matter.

News item captioned "Publishing Industry in Crisis"

1021. DR. G.S. RAJHANS : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to a newsitem captioned "Publishing industry in crisis" appearing in the 'Indian Express' dated 12 June, 1986 wherein it is stated that the publishing industry is in crisis because of rising prices of various inputs, lack of Government support and unimaginative publishing programmes undertaken by many publishers ;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard ; and

(c) whether any steps are being taken or contemplated by Government to help the publishing industry to come out of the crisis ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The National Book Development Council has submitted a report 'Towards A National Book Policy'. This report has made several recommendations to improve the conditions of the Indian publishing industry. Government is examining these recommendations in consultation with other departments/agencies.

Hepatitis Disease in Bihar

1022. DR. G.S. RAJHANS : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Central Government are aware that due to hepatitis disease, a large number of people are dying every month in Bihar State ;

(b) whether this disease is spreading fast in the Bihar State and other adjoining States also ; and

(c) the steps Central Government propose to take to provide adequate medical and other facilities to combat spread of this disease ?

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

(a) According to the information received by the Government, 3876 cases with 28 deaths due to Hepatitis have been reported during the month on May and June (upto 26.6.1986) from the districts of Ranchi, Patna, Siwan, Muzaffarpur and Gopalganj in Bihar State.

(b) The reports received from adjoining States do not indicate any increase of this disease.

(c) In the event of an outbreak of the disease the State Governments have been advised to take appropriate control measures to control the spread of the disease, such as isolation of cases, use of disposable syringes and needles, proper sterilisation of instruments, gloves, gauze and such other items and use of Hepatitis B immunoglobulin. The State Governments have also been advised to educate the public towards good sanitation and personal Hygiene with special emphasis on sanitary disposal of faeces.

Seminar on implementation of New Education Policy

1023. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN :
DR. B.L. SHAIKESH :
SHRI BALWANT SINGH
RAMOOWALLA :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether an international seminar to chalk out operational strategies for the implementation of the new education policy was held recently ;

(b) if so, the details of the discussions in the seminar ; and