

[Translation]

Deaths due to encephalitis

471. SHRI KALI PRASAD PANDEY :
Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of persons who suffered or died of encephalitis during the period January to October, 1986 State-wise; and

(b) what effective steps are being taken or proposed to contain this disease ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) : (a) As per reports received from State Health authorities, the incidence of Japanese Encephalitis from January to October, 1986 is as under :

Name of State	Attacks	Deaths
Assam	874	320
Andhra Pradesh	476	150
Bihar	67	11
Goa	1	—
Karnataka	31	9
Manipur	15	5
Tamil Nadu	55	22
Uttar Pradesh	1549	533
Total	3068	1050

(b) The following steps have been taken to contain the disease :-

1. Dte. N. M. E. P. is regularly collecting and analysing the incidence reports from various states/UTs.
2. All the States/UTs have been requested to spray BHC/DDT in an area 2.3 km. around a case whenever reported, besides Malathion fogging/ULV spraying.
3. NTV, Pune, School of Tropical Medicine, Calcutta, All India Insti-

tute of Hygiene and Public Health, Calcutta and National Institute of Communicable Diseases, Delhi are involved in the programme for advice and diagnosis of cases.

4. States and Regional Offices for Health and F. W. have been requested to be in constant touch with the States for Japanese Encephalitis control.
5. BHC/DDT and Malathion are supplied by NMEP for control of Japanese Encephalitis outbreak.
6. Fogging/ULV machines are supplied by NMEP to the affected States.
7. Health education on Japanese Encephalitis has been intensified and necessary guidelines have been issued to All States/Union Territories to contain the disease.

Inquiry into medical reimbursement scandal in Delhi Transport Corporation

472. SHRI KALI PRASAD PANDEY :
SHRI P. M. SAYEED :
SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Bureau of Investigation inquiry into the reported twelve crores rupees medical reimbursement scandal in Delhi Transport Corporation has been finalised;

(b) if so, the findings thereof;

(c) the action taken against those found guilty;

(d) whether the dispute between Delhi Transport Corporation and some 1400 Delhi Chemists claiming about Rs. 12 crores has been settled; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

(d) and (e). The claims have remained unsettled pending investigation.

[English]

**Extension of Jhelum Express upto
Miraj and Kolhapur**

473. SHRI R. S. MANE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to extend Jhelum Express from Pune to Miraj and Kolhapur; and

(b) if so, by what time and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b). No, Sir. One second class through service sleeper coach is already running between Jammu Tawi and Miraj by 177/178 Jhelum Express and connected trains. Extension of 177/178 Jhelum Express from Pune to Miraj/Kolhapur is not feasible for want of adequate resources and terminal facilities.

Development of Kolhapur airstrip

474. SHRI R. S. MANE : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that when the Kolhapur airstrip is completed it would be a third airlink for Bombay-Kolhapur and Goa;

(b) whether it is also proposed to develop Kolhapur airstrip into Kolhapur Airport;

(c) whether any instructions have been issued to the competent authority to prepare a plan for the same; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) Vayudoot

has plans to connect Kolhapur to Bombay by air when the Kolhapur airport is ready.

(b) to (d). The work of development of Kolhapur airport, which include extension of runway with provision for associated pavements and construction of terminal complex and approach roads etc; has been undertaken by the State Government of Maharashtra and is already in progress.

Rise in illiteracy

475. PROF. RAMKRISHNA MORE :
SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA :
SHRI AMARSINH RATHAWA :

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

(a) the present percentage of annual rise in illiteracy in the country and the percentage of illiteracy anticipated by 2000 A. D.;

(b) how do the rise in the percentage of illiteracy and the per capita expenditure on education to raise the percentage of literacy in the country compare with the other developing countries in Asia; and

(c) considering the present trend and achievements made so far, what steps are contemplated by Government to achieve the literacy target, if any, by 2000 A. D. ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) The census operations conducted at an interval of ten years collect inter alia data pertaining to literacy. According to 1981 census, percentage of illiteracy in the country for population of all age-groups was 63.77 per cent. This was lower by 6.78 percentage points as compared to the illiteracy rate of 70.55 per cent for 1971. Thus there is no annual rise in the percentage of illiteracy in India. The next literacy rate will be available only in 1991 when the next census will be conducted.

(b) There is, at present, no rise in the percentage of illiteracy in the country. India