

[Translation]

## Cut in expenditure on functions

853. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a decision has been taken by his Ministry to effect a cut in the expenditure to be incurred on various functions, etc., keeping in view the present country-wide drought situation; and

(b) if so, the amount likely to be saved as a result thereof and the details of the functions likely to be affected as a result of this cut ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) The Ministry of Finance has issued instructions to all the Ministries/Departments of the Government of India of the austerity measures to be implemented by all Ministries and Departments in the context of the drought situation in the country. According to these instructions, all Festivals, Fairs and Exhibitions for which firm commitments have not been made by 31st August, 1987, should be postponed till the end of the current year. Even where firm commitments have been made, the proposed expenditure should be carefully scrutinised and all inessential and ostentatious items should be cut out. These instructions have been brought to the notice of all concerned in this Ministry including autonomous bodies funded by this Ministry.

(b) Provision for expenditure on Festivals, Fairs and Exhibitions is not made in the budget separately for each function except in the case of major Festivals such as the Festival of India in USSR and the Festival of USSR in India. It is, therefore, difficult to quantify the total saving that is likely to accrue as a result of implementation of the austerity measures

So far as the Festivals of India in other countries and Return Festivals of these countries in India are concerned, the saving likely to be effected as a result of the adoption of the austerity measure aggregate Rs. 8.05 crores *vide* details given below :

S. No.	Festival	Amount of saving (Rs. in crores)
1.	Festival of India in USSR	0 50
2.	Soviet Festival in India	6.65
3.	Japan Month in India	0.50
4.	Festival of India in Japan	0.40
		8.05

[English]

## Toxic and dangerous drugs

854. SHRI RAJ KUMAR RAI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the names of Drugs found toxic and dangerous during the last three years; and

(b) the action taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) : (a) and (b). Information regarding the withdrawal of certain drugs by some countries from their markets is received by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare daily through World Health Organisation. During the last three years, W.H.O. have reported the Withdrawal of 9 drugs by certain countries on grounds of toxicity and serious adverse reactions. *None* of these 9 drugs have been approved for marketing in the country.

The names of these are Molsidamine, Nomifensine, Suprofen, Dantralone Sodium, Bromisoval, Isoxicam, Cianidanol, Indalpine and Suloctidil.

## Steps to streamline standard of medical education

855. CHOWDHRY AKHTAR HASAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :