

[English]

Control of Diabetes

3071. SHRI RAJ KUMAR RAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have included Diabetic Control Programme in the National Health Programme;

(b) if so, the details of action being planned to control diabetes;

(c) whether Government have allocated any funds for the purchase of medicines required for the control of diabetes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) The Government of India have accepted in the 7th Five Year Plan the Central Health Sector Programme titled 'District Diabetic Control Programme' which is initially expected to cover, on a pilot basis, five districts in the country where the Primary Health Care testing procedure would include integration with National School Health Services. The main stress of this programme will be on prevention of diabetes mellitus. The programme also aims on community education and awareness of diabetes mellitus.

Under this programme, arrangements will also be made to provide the life saving drug insulin.

(c) The Government of India have not allocated any separate funds for purchase of medicines required for control of diabetes.

(d) The question does not arise.

✓ **Medicines Required for Sexually Transmitted Diseases**

3072. SHRI RAJ KUMAR RAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether medicines required for sexually transmitted diseases are very costly in the country;

(b) the names of the centres in the country where these disease are treated; and

(c) the medicines required for treatment of these diseases and how many of these medicines are being supplied by Government to these centres for free distribution to poor patients?

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

(b) and (c) The sexually transmitted diseases are treated in all the Departments of Skin, STD & Leprosy of the Medical Colleges and STD clinics in the District hospitals, General Hospitals & Civil Hospitals of the country.

The medicines required for treatment of these diseases are:—

- (i) Penicillin
- (ii) Streptomycin
- (iii) Sulpha drugs
- (iv) anti-histaminic drugs, and
- (v) Erythromycin or Tetracyclin used in cases resistant to Pencillin.

No drugs are being supplied by the Central Government to the States for treatment of STD under the STD Control Programme. Poor patients suffering from sexually transmitted diseases are supplied drugs free of cost by the STD clinics.

Increase in Blindness due to Glaucoma

3073. SHRIMATI MADHUREE SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether blindness due to glaucoma is on increase;

(b) the other aspects of the eye diseases and the incidence of blindness in the country; and