

**Edible Oils in Consumer Packs**

2248. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT:  
Will the Minister of SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Maharashtra Government has urged Union Government to supply edible oils in consumer packs of 500 gms for distribution under the Public Distribution System; and

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) Government of Maharashtra has requested for supply of imported edible oils in 1 kg. or 500 gms. packs. The State is being allocated imported edible oils in 15 kg. tins, 2 kg. tins and 1 kg. pouch.

**Survey to know T.B. Patients and Their Death**

2249. SHRI AMARSINH RATHAWA:  
Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have controlled the smallpox and tuberculosis diseases;

(b) the number of T. B. Hospitals set up so far and their details, State-wise;

(c) whether T. B. patients are more in

adivasi and backward classes; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps being taken to control T. B. disease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) Small pox has been eradicated from the country. Tuberculosis still continues to be a public health problem.

(b) Details about hospitals, T. B. Centres and T. B. Clinics (State-wise) is given in the statement below.

(c) and (d). There is no evidence to suggest that tuberculosis patients are more in adivasi and backward areas. To control T. B. disease under the National T. B. Control Programme, a District T. B. Centre is being established in every district of the country by the States to organise a community wide District T. B. Programme in association with the general health institutions of the district to offer free diagnosis and treatment. So far District T. B. Centres have been established in 375 districts. There are 300 T. B. Clinics, besides 46,000 T. B. beds available in various hospitals in the country BCG vaccination is being given as a preventive measure to children in the age group of 0-1 year as a part of the Universal Immunization Programme. To educate people about the disease, stress is being given on health education with the help of TV spots, Radio Sports, booklets, pamphlets and advertisement in the newspapers.