

requirement of systems and weapons for the Navy in order to meet the threat posed by the recent acquisitions of hardware by Pakistan. The Task Force has in its report identified a number of steps as counter-measures against these Pakistani acquisitions.

(c) to (e). All developments having a bearing on the country's security are kept under constant observation by the Government and appropriate counter-measures are initiated from time to time to maintain defence preparedness. The Indian Navy is also re-equipped and modernised in keeping with the emerging threat perceptions.

Viral Conjunctivitis

1472. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIYA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether several patients suffering from viral conjunctivitis have become blind after using the medicines widely prescribed by registered doctors;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any action has been taken against such doctors; and

(d) if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (d). There is no reliable data available on this issue. However, recently thirteen patients with history of corneal ulceration reported at the Dr. R.P. Centre for Ophthalmic Sciences, New Delhi after an attack of viral conjunctivitis. Four of these patients were treated with corneal graft as there was an evidence of extensive damage of cornea. The public has also been made aware of risk of damage to cornea by use of steroid eye drops and eye ointments during conjunctivitis.

[Translation]

Irrigation under Tribal Sub-Plan Region

1473. SHRIMATI CHHABILA ARVIND NETAM : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been no increase in the irrigated area of tribal sub-plan region after the enactment of Forest Conservation Act, 1980;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government have any other plan to increase the irrigated area without effecting the Forest Conservation Act; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) There has been an increase in the ultimate irrigation potential of 1.55 million hectares through Major and Medium Projects under Tribal Sub-Plan during the period 1979-80 to 1993-94.

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

[English]

Gorkha Training Centre in Sabathu, H.P.

1474. SHRI SOUMYA RANJAN : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of schemes of Army exposure camp for school children organised by the Directorate General Infantry at the Gorkha Training Centre in Sabathu in Himachal Pradesh; and

(b) the details of such camp organised during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) and (b). 1. An adventure camp called 'Beyond Horizons - 96' was organised for the children of the Salwan Public School, Rajendra Nagar, New Delhi by the School Staff near Sabathu (Shimla). The School authorities approached the Infantry Directorate for assistance to expose the children to Army Life. The camp was for a duration of ten days from 21 May 1996 to 31 May 1996.

2. The aim of the camp was to acquaint young school children to the Army, its ethos, activities and to generate in them, a zeal for outdoor life, adventure, National spirit and inculcate qualities of leadership and discipline and thereby motivate them to join the Armed Forces.

3. The subjects covered in the camp included the following :

(a) Familiarisation with Armed Forces, Service Life, Ethos and training.

(b) Adventure activities to include Rock climbing, Trekking, Camping and Survival, Water Crossing and lectures on Leadership, Motivation, Service Life, History of the Armed Forces and so on.

4. Most of these activities were organised by the school staff themselves. The training centre provided a few qualified instructors and material assistance. The camp was well received and as per reports from school authorities the children have been greatly motivated to serve the Mother Land.

5. Only one camp of this nature was organised at Sabathu.

Additional Gauging Centre

1475. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up additional gauging centre at Biligondlu on the border of Karnataka-Tamil Nadu by the Central Water Commission to monitor the flow of Cauvery water;

(b) if so, whether both the States have agreed to the above proposal; and

(c) the reasons for setting up additional gauging centre?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) No, Sir.

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

Damanganga Reservoir Irrigation Project

1476. SHRI GOPAL TANDEL : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the scheme for providing Irrigation to Daman constituency from Damanganga Reservoir Irrigation Project has been implemented;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the work regarding construction of canals, distributaries etc. has been delayed;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the time by which the project is likely to be completed to cover the entire district of Daman for irrigation purpose?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) and (b). While the dam and right bank main canal of Damanganga Project have been completed, left bank main canal is 99% complete and the distribution system is 81% complete. The Project benefits Union Territory of Daman in addition to the State of Gujarat and the Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. The construction of canals and distribution system is delayed mainly due to problems in acquisition of land both forests and private. There is also the problem of encroachments on the canal land by the people in Daman.

(e) The project is scheduled for completion by 1997-98.

Plan Outlay Under TLC

1477. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the original plan outlay in the Eighth Five Year Plan for the Total Literacy Campaign (TLC);

(b) whether the allocation has since been reduced; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) The original approved outlay for 8th Plan for the Total/Post Literacy Campaigns was Rs. 1000 crores.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The actual allocation made for the Total/Post Literacy Campaigns during the 8th Plan was Rs. 553.4

crores. The reduction in the allocation was partly due to resource crunch and also due to the slow progress of Total Literacy Campaigns in the Hindi-Speaking States which resulted in lesser number of districts taking up Post Literacy Campaigns.

[Translation]

Use of Army for Controlling Dengue in Delhi

1478. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry has received any request from the Government of Delhi to deal with the epidemic of Dengue in the capital;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry has sprayed medicines for controlling mosquitoes using the army trucks and also provided other facilities/medicines to the Government of Delhi as a response thereto;

(d) if so, the date on which the action was taken by his Ministry after the receipt of such a request;

(e) the expenditure incurred by his Ministry in this regard; and

(f) the guidelines proposed to be issued to the officials of his Ministry about tackling of such epidemics in the country especially in the capital and also about the immediate acceptance of such request of the State Governments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SGMU) : (a) to (f). The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi had requested Army's assistance in dealing with the Dengue epidemic in Delhi, by way of making available spraying/fogging squads, initially for six days w.e.f. 16.10.96. Six modified Shaktiman vehicles for spraying of insecticides, as well as technical assistance for modifying M.C.D. vehicles for de-fogging were provided. Later, on the basis of another specific request from the Delhi Government, the above assistance was extended for another week i.e. from 28.10.96 to 4.11.96. An expenditure of approximately Rs. 5,70,000 was incurred by Army HQrs. in providing assistance to MCD during dengue epidemic in Delhi. Necessary guidelines exist for providing assistance to the Civil authorities on being formally requested by State authorities.

[English]

Facilities for CGHS Beneficiaries

1479. DR. C. SILVERA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether CGHS beneficiaries can avail of all medical services including pathological services in all Central Government hospitals of Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;