

4. The entire cost of the state headquarter staff and the zonal staff according to the approved pattern of Government of India is met by the Government of India.

5. 72 entomological teams have been provided to 72 zones in the country. These teams inter-alia assess the entomological situation, the susceptibility status of the vector and also suggest the appropriate type of insecticides to be used in the particular areas.

6. Great emphasis has been laid on the supply of antimalarial drugs. These are made available not only through the malaria workers, hospitals, Primary Health Centres etc., but also through agencies like Panchayats, School Teachers, fever treatment depots and malaria clinics. The antimalaria drug will also be supplied through normal commercial channels.

7. To reduce the timelag between collection of blood smears and their examination, the laboratory services are being decentralised to Primary Health Centres in attack and consolidation phase areas as well.

8. The surveillance staff for the difficult areas has been augmented.

9. Great emphasis is being laid on people's participation in the programme. For this purpose the Panchayats, School teachers and other voluntary organisations are being involved progressively.

10. Health Education activities are being intensified by display of posters distribution of folders and hand bills etc. Cinema slides have been prepared and are being exhibited in different towns. Metallic plates are also being prepared for display at Primary Health Centres. Mass media like radio and television are being utilised for the purpose. Films on malaria are also being exhibited.

11. The research activities in malaria are being intensified to find

answers for the various problems which have come up due to the set backs to the programme. Both fundamental and operational research are being undertaken.

Indo-USSR Talks on Rupee-Rouble Relation

667. SHRI SAMAR GUHA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether during his talks with the Foreign Minister of Russia, the issue of (i) rupee-rouble relation and (ii) reported high profit made by Russia in trade and other commercial and economic exchange, featured pointedly; and

(b) if so, the outcome of such talks?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Implementation of Rural Health Programme

668. SHRI BIJOY KUMAR MONDAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any hindrance in the implementation of the Rural Health Programme as evolved during the conference of the Health Ministers of States held in April, 1977; and

(b) the nature of contributions which are likely to come forward from the State Governments in implementing the scheme and the share of the Central Government in this connection?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAJ NARAIN): (a) and (b). The details of the scheme are under examination by Planning Commission and Finance Ministry. The State Governments have been requested to send their approach papers on the scheme. Some

of them are yet to send their approach papers. Their comments/proposals would be taken into account before implementing the scheme.

Recommendations of National Seminar on Cancer Control

669. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government to make cancer control an integral part of the national health and family welfare programmes;

(b) whether any recommendation has come from the National Seminar on Cancer Control held in December, 1976;

(c) whether World Health Organisation has also extended its co-operation in this regard; and

(d) if so, the outlines of the programme in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAJ NARAIN): (a) and (b). The National Seminar on Cancer Control held in December, 1976 recommended, *inter alia*, the integration of cancer control within the existing national programmes of Health and Family Welfare. A decision on the recommendations of the Seminar is, however, yet to be taken by the Government.

(c) and (d). The assistance from W.H.O. in the field of cancer is in the form of Short-Term Consultants, Fellowships and supplies and equipment for Cancer Control Pilot Project, Tamilnadu and for the establishment of Cancer Centres in States. The W.H.O. had also extended its support for the organisation of the Seminar by way of financial assistance, and background material.

Integrating Yoga with Modern Medicine and Surgery

670. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government to integrate the practice of yoga with modern medicine and surgery;

(b) whether Government have included lecturers of yoga in the undergraduate medical degree course also; and

(c) if so, the outlines of the scheme of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAJ NARAIN): (a) No.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

Self-sufficiency in Building Second Stage of Bokaro Steel Plant

671. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether our country is in a position to build the second stage of Bokaro Steel Plant without the help of foreign countries; and

(b) if not, by which time we will become self-sufficient in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI BIJU PATNAIK): (a) Yes, Sir, but import of some critical equipment is not ruled out.

(b) Development of an independent technology is a process which takes time and for that no time limit can be prescribed.

Enactment of Legislation to Protect the Interests of Agricultural Workers

672. SHRI P. K. KODIYAN: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the question of enacting a comprehensive legislation for