

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV) : (a) The Homoeopathic Central Council Act, 1973 was intended to prescribe the minimum standards of homoeopathic education and to maintain a central register of homoeopaths. It does not provide protection to any system of practice. If any case of unethical practice comes to the knowledge of the Council it will take necessary action. No. action can, however, be taken for deviation from homoeopathic principles laid down by Hahnemann

(b) and (c). Do not arise

Malaria menace in the Capital

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that it has been detected by the Medical Personnel that there is a great fear of spread of malaria in the country and most particular in the capital;

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to prevent the spread of malaria ; and

(c) whether Government are considering to appoint a high power committee of experts to find out the cause of spread of malaria in spite of the best efforts of NMEP ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV) : (a) No. On the other hand, there has been a decline in the number of malaria cases in the country as a whole as compared to those for 1976. However, the total number of malaria positive cases recorded in Delhi has increased.

(b) Government have launched a Modified Plan of Operations in the country from 1-4-77 to control the spread of malaria. A statement indicating the salient features of the Modified Plan is enclosed. Another statement indicating the remedial measures taken in the Capital is also enclosed.

(c) There are many reasons for resurgence of malaria which are well known. The Govt. had already appointed two High Powered Committees

to suggest measures for control of the disease. It is therefore, not considered necessary to appoint another higher power committee of experts therefor.

Statement

The salient features of the Modified Plan of Operations are as follows :—

1. The existing NMEP Units have been reorganised to conform to the Geographical boundaries of the district. Previously the Chief Medical Officers of the districts were not involved in the programme, but with the re-organisation of the Units, they are primarily responsible for the programme in the district.

2. Increased quantity of various insecticides DDT, BHC, Malathion have been/are being supplied to the States. Alternative insecticides are also being provided to the Units/district where the vector has become resistant to DDT/BHC.

3. Insecticidal spray operations have been undertaken in all rural areas which have incidence of 2 or more cases per thousand population.

4. Adequate quantity of anti-malaria drugs have been/are being supplied to the State/Union Territory Government. About 1.13 lakhs Drug Distribution Centres / Fever treatment Depots have been established to make the drug freely available. In areas where resistance to Chloroquine by parasites has been noticed, alternative anti-malarials like quinine have been supplied.

5. Anti-larval operations under Urban Malaria Programme have been intensified. The Scheme has been extended to 38 more towns besides the 28 existing towns existing earlier during 1977.

6. Supervision of the field staff has been toned up.

7. Steps have been taken for undertaking both fundamental and operational research in the field of malaria Eradication Programme. 14 research schemes i.e. 8 for operational field research and 6 for laboratory research on malaria has been associated by Govt. of India to I.C.M.R.

8. For early examination of blood smears and quick treatment of positive cases, laboratory services have been decentralised to the BHC level.

9. With a view to control the spread of Plasmodium falciparum infection which accounts for death due to Cerebral malaria with the help of World Health Organisa-

tion, an intensive programme has been initiated in the States of North Eastern Region of the country.

10. The following steps for imparting health education regarding the disease and seeking public co-operation and participation for controlling have been taken:-

(i) Panchayats and school teachers have been involved in the distribution of chloroquine tablets.

(ii) Drug Depots have been opened in inaccessible tribal areas. In some states this have been done in collaboration, with the Tribal Welfare Departments.

(iii) A film 'The Threat' recently made has been released all over the country in fourteen regional languages.

(iv) Posters in regional languages "Fever may be Malaria Take Chloroquine tablets," have been supplied to the States for display in Panchayat Ghars, Schools, Primary Health Centres and sub-centres.

(v) A pamphlet in regional languages 'Malaria-what to do' giving the signs, symptoms, close schedule of chloroquine, indication and Contra-indication has been supplied to the States for distribution to Panchayats, school teachers and other voluntary agencies.

(vi) It is also proposed to orient the presidents and the secretaries of the Panchayats on malaria.

(vii) Folder on the role of the Medical Practitioners has been supplied to the States for distribution to medical practitioners. Similarly, a pamphlet 'Why Malaria again' has been supplied, to the States for distribution to the Deputy Commissioners, Chief Medical Officers and Block Development Officers for apprising them about the existing problems of malaria and the action proposed to be taken.

(viii) To disseminate the anti-malaria message, special postal stationery has been released by Posts and Telegraphs Department.

Statement

The following remedial measures have been taken for the containment of malaria cases :—

1. The following agencies, which are responsible for carrying out anti-malaria measures have been requested to gear up the programme :

(a) Delhi Municipal Corporation;

(b) New Delhi Municipal Committee,

(c) Zoological Park,

(d) All India Radio

(e) President's Estate

(f) Indian Institute of Technology

(g) Northern Railway

(h) Defence Authorities

To bring about an effective co-ordination of these various agencies, a special Co-ordinating Officer has been appointed under the Government of India.

2. Government of India have provided adequate material and equipment and given financial assistance for meeting the operational cost to the concerned agencies.

The total assistance during 1977-78 was of the order of about Rs 32 lakhs and an amount of Rs 38 45 lakhs has been earmarked for this purpose during 1978-79.

3. The Municipal Corporation of Delhi have extended the anti-larval operations from 90 Sq. miles to 180 Sq. miles. In addition to anti-larval work, spraying with BHC will be taken up in rural areas and riverine belt from 1st June, 1978.

4. 50 Malaria Clinics are functioning in Delhi and 50 more are being opened. Over 500 Fever Treatment Depots are also being set up.

5. 40 teams for checking mosquito breeding in domestic situations have been put on the field.

6. The Director NMEP and the Commissioner, Delhi Municipal Corporation are holding periodical meetings to review the situation and coordinate activities of various organisations

Documents missing from Central Council Research in Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy

8464. SHRIMATI MRINAL GORE. Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to State :

(a) whether certain important documents containing valuable original research data relating to medicinal plants availability in the country are Missing from the Central Council for Research in Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy and no action has been taken by the Council against the persons responsible for the loss,