

(a) whether the report of the National Institute of Communicable Diseases has identified Bangalore as "Foci" for intensified plague surveillance after the outbreak of the dreaded disease called black death;

(b) if so, the measures proposed to be taken to prevent the outbreak of plague in Bangalore;

(c) whether the Government have released special funds to Karnataka to implement the plague control measures; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Plague Surveillance Unit of national Institute of Communicable Diseases (NICD), Bangalore in collaboration with Central Plague Laboratory, National Institute of Communicable Diseases, Delhi, and in coordination with State Health Departments is conducting redent survey regularly and is maintaining a sero-surveillance to identify incidence of *Y. Pestis* infection in three States—Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka for the last 16 years.

Appropriate plague control measures such as anti-rodent and flea control measures, intensified surveillance and health education to community are being undertaken by the State Government to prevent any outbreak of plague.

(c) and (d) An amount of Rs. 25 lakhs was released to Bangalore Medical College, Bangalore for upgradation of laboratory facilities.

Use of Monosodium Glutamate in Food Stuffs

4820. SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that 3% of Monosodium Glutamate was found in the chemical examination by the Health department of Karnataka in a sample of Kentucky Fried Chicken;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that only 1% of Monosodium Glutamate is permissible in food stuffs under relevant Indian laws;

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government against the Kentucky company for such violation;

(e) whether his Ministry has also taken any such samples for examination; and

(f) if so, the findings thereof, and the action taken in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b) It has been reported by the local Health Officers of the State Govt. that a sample of fried chicken drawn by the Bangalore Mahanagar Palika from M/s Kentucky Fned Chicken, Bangalore was found on analysis to contain 2.8% of Monosodium Glutamate

(c) As per the provisions of Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955, Monosodium Glutamate may be added provided the total Glutamate content to ready-to-serve food does into exceed 1%. However, it shall not be added to any food to be used by the infants below twelve months.

(d) Charge sheet has been filed against the firm under the provision of Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 by the concerned State authorities.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Fund to Universities for Purchase of Books/Journals

4821. PROF. OMPAL SINGH NIDAR : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether University Grants Commission has been providing funds to different universities for purchase of books and essential journals; and

(b) if so, the details of requests received, and the funds released during the last two years, University-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Evaluation of CBSE Papers

4822. SHRI ASHOK ARGAL :
SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA :
PROF. P.J. KURIEN :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there have been widespread complaints about erroneous evaluation of CBSE examination papers, particularly "Class X Social Science" and "Class XII Business Studies" in March, 1996 Examination;

(b) whether the CBSE has conducted any inquiry/re-checking/re-evaluation in this respect; and

(c) if so, the findings of the evaluation undertaken by the authorities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA):

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) As per the information given by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), the total number of requests for re-checking/verification of marks in the subjects of Social Science of Class X Examination and Business Studies of Class XII Examination conducted by the Board was 3008 and 1981 respectively. Re-checking/verification of marks was got done by them as per the norms laid down in the Examination Bye-laws of the Board. Consequent to re-checking/verification, marks were changed in 149 cases in Social Science of Class X Examination and 36 cases in Business Studies of Class XII Examination respectively. The result of re-checking/verification was communicated to the concerned candidates.

Cancer Patients

4823. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of cancer patients in the country at present, especially in Bihar;

(b) the details of regional cancer hospitals providing treatment and rehabilitation facilities in the country; and

(c) the preventive measures taken by the Government to control cancer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) It is estimated that there are 2.0 million cancer cases in the country at any given point of time. State-wise data is not available.

(b) There are 12 Regional Cancer Centres located at Bangalore, Ahmedabad, Gwalior, Madras, Trivandrum,

Cuttack, Calcutta, Delhi, Allahabad, Hyderabad, Bombay and Guwahati.

(c) There has been emphasis on preventive health education and detection of cancer. Government have also initiated measures like education about the ill-effects of tobacco and prohibition of smoking in certain public places.

[Translation]

World Bank Assisted Irrigation Projects

4824. SHRI KACHARU BHAI RAUT:
SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH:
SHRI S.P. JAISWAL:
SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the irrigation projects being implemented with the assistance of World Bank alongwith their cost, State-wise and project-wise;

(b) the funds allocated for the purpose during each of the last three years as well as current year, project-wise;

(c) the details of the funds utilised so far;

(d) whether the World Bank/some foreign financial institutions propose to assist further some irrigation projects of the country during the remaining period of Eighth Plan; and

(e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the cost of each project, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) to (c) The details are indicated in the statement enclosed.

(d) and (e) No, Sir.

STATEMENT

Details of the World Bank assisted Projects in various States during the last three years

(Figs. in Millions US\$)
(Approximate Equivalent Indian
Rupees in Crores given in brackets)

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	State	Date of Agreement	Amount of Assistance committed	Assistance during			Present Status	Allocation for 1996-97
					1993-94	1994-95	1995-96		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1.	Upper Ganga Irrigation Project	U.P.	29.6.84	125.358 (483.75)	10.459 (36.60)	2.464 (7.70)	—	Completed	
2.	Gujarat Medium Irrigation Project	Gujarat	29.6.84	151.168 (529.08)	8.251 (28.87)	4.202 (14.70)	—	Completed	