

Steps to meet Challenge of Malaria in Villages

302. SHRI JAI NARAIN: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) the special steps which Government have taken so far or propose to take to meet the challenge of outbreak of malaria in the villages of the country; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) A modified Plan of Operations for controlling Malaria in the country as a whole has been implemented with effect from 1st April, 1977. A statement containing the salient features of the Modified Plan of Operations is at Statement I.

(b) Does not arise.

Statement I

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 districts. 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 districts.

2. Increased quantity of various insecticides *viz.*, DDT, BHC, Malathion have been/are being supplied to the States. Alternative insecticides are also being provided to the Units/districts 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 Governments. About 1.92 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 12 more towns during 1978 besides the 100 existing towns existing earlier.

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 sanctioned by Government of India to the ICMR.

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

9. With a view to controlling the spread of plasmodi falciperum infection which accounts for death due to cerebral malaria, with the help of World Health Organisation, an intensive programme was started in October, 1977 in 18 districts of the North Eastern Region of the country. It is being extended.

10. The following steps for imparting health education regarding the disease and seeking public co-operation and participation in controlling malaria 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 new film 'The Treat' was made and 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 dose schedule of chloroquine, indication of 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 Departments.

(ix) A. I. R. and Doordarshan have strated programmes to educate public on prevention and treatment of Malaria.

Setting up a Shipyard at Mangalore

303. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Shipyard at Mangalore;

(b) if so, whether any survey has been conducted;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI A. P. SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

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

(d) The Techno-economic Working Group set up by Government recommended in December, 1973, some possible locations for the establishment of shipyard. Mangalore was not one of them.

Advance Increments to Accounts Clerks

304. SHRI K. A. RAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representations during the last two years, from the Staff of Accounts Department/Furnishing Integral Coach Factory, Madras-38; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b). Yes, during the last two years from 1978 three representations have been received from Clerks Grade I regarding loss of seniority on account of transfer to ICF at own request and alleged incorrectness in evaluation of the answer books in Appendix III examination and grant of advance increments on transfer to ICF; one representation from Sub-Heads regarding removal of stagnation and two representations from Clerks Grade II regarding revival of the advance increments as were available prior to 1st January 1973, non-application of prescribed percentage distribution of posts and stoppage of direct recruitment of Graduate_s as Clerks Grade I.