

Aspirin

166. **Shri N. E. Muniswamy:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether an article in the British Medical Journal stating that Aspirin causes stomach bleeding and 'can thus be dangerous for patients with ulcers' has been brought to the notice of the Government;

(b) if so, whether any independent investigation was conducted to find out the truth; and

(c) if so, the result thereof?

The Minister of Health (Shri Kar-markar): (a) No such article on the subject could be found published in the recent issues of the British Medical Journal. However, a considerable amount of published material in medical journals is available to show that aspirin if used in large doses or in normal doses over a long period causes gastro-intestinal occult bleeding in certain cases;

(b) Government are not aware whether any special studies have been made or any independent investigations have been carried out on the subject in the country.

(c) Does not arise.

Family Planning

167. **Shri Basumatari:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent under the Family Planning Scheme in the Second Five Year Plan;

(b) the amount estimated for the Third Five Year Plan; and

(c) comparative figures of birth rate and death rate year by year in the Second Five Year Plan?

The Minister of Health (Shri Kar-markar): (a) The estimated expenditure on Family Planning Programme during the Second Year Plan period is Rs. 445,61,000.

(b) The Planning Commission have approved a programme limit of Rs. 50 crores but the financial allocation has been kept at Rs. 2,697.57 Lakhs. The question of increasing this will be considered if the necessity arises.

(c) The registered birth rates and death rates for 1956-60 are as follows:—

Year	Birth rate	Death rate
1956 . . .	23.3	10.9
1957 . . .	22.4	11.6
1958 . . .	22.9	12.3
1959 . . .	23.0	9.9
1960 (incomplete data).	24.6	10.4

These are of limited use due to under-registration.

The comparative figures of estimated birth rates and death rates, however are as follows:—

Year	Birth rate	Death rate
1951-56 . . .	41.7	25.9
1956-61 . . .	40.7	21.6

The preliminary estimates of birth and death rates for the period July 1958-July 1959 calculated on the basis of the data collected in the 14th Round of the National Sample Survey from a large sample are reported to be 36.3 and 19.0 respectively.

Kapili River Project in Assam

168. **Shri Basumatari:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) the position of the report for Project on the Kapili river in the District of Nowgaon in Assam;

(b) whether the report has been submitted to Government; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) to (c). The detailed field investigations of the first phase of the Project are expected to be completed by the end of the