

(c) the number of those who died after their operations in these mass camps; and

(d) whether any inquiry was held for the deaths, together with action taken against the officer who was responsible for such deaths?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI D. P. CHATTOPADHYAYA): (a) to (d). The information has been asked for from the State Government and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as it is received.

Officers sent Abroad for Training in Family Planning, Health and Medical from Punjab

5900. SHRI B. S. BHAURA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the names of officers of medical services from Punjab State who were deputed/loaned to foreign countries for training in family planning, health or medical in the year 1967-68 to 1970-71;

(b) the number and names of officers who applied for the above referred training;

(c) the criteria for selecting them; and

(d) the amount spent by Punjab and the Central Government for their training?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI D. P. CHATTOPADHYAYA): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Cholera Deaths among Bangla Desh Refugees

5901. SHRI SAMAR GUHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether about 1300 Bangla Desh refugees died as a result of Cholera in Meghalaya area as reported by Calcutta press;

(b) the number of Bangla Desh refugees who suffered Cholera attack and the number of the cases which proved fatal in States of West Bengal, Assam, Meghalaya and Tripura as also in Mana and other camps separately; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to deal with the problem of out-break of Cholera epidemic among the Bangla Desh refugees?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI A. K. KISKU): (a) No.

(b) The available information is as follows:

Name of State	No. of cases	No. of deaths
West Bengal (Among evacuees in Hospitals and Health Centres)	36,389	4,741 (upto 20.7.71)
Assam	269	23 (upto 10.7.71)
Meghalaya	Nil	Nil
Tripura	Information not available	1 (reported on 18.7.71)
Madhya Pradesh (Mana Camp)	38	5 (upto 25.6.71)

The figures given in respect of West Bengal include cases and deaths due to gastro-enteritis also.

(c) The salient steps so far taken are as follows:

- (i) All refugees in Camps and local population are being given anti-cholera inoculation.
- (ii) A special mass anti-cholera immunization drive has been started in cities and major towns in the States bordering Bangla Desh and the places where new refugee camps are being opened.
- (iii) Necessary preventive measures to combat the spread of Cholera such as disinfection of water supplies, isolation of cases etc. are being taken. Sanitation facilities are being improved.
- (iv) Adequate stocks of anti-cholera vaccine, disinfectants, drugs etc. have been supplied.
- (v) Two epidemiological teams have been set up at Calcutta and Gauhati for emergency investigation of cases of out-break.