

(d) whether Oral Rehydration Therapy has not been properly promoted and there is a scarcity of ORS packets in the market; and

(e) if so, the measures taken to remedy the situation?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI) :** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The efficacy of the presently available cholera vaccine is only 30% to 50% lasting for 3 to 6 months. The emphasis in cholera control is more on adoption of Hygienic practices and not on cholera immunization.

(c) No Sir, only sporadic immunization have been given in some parts of the country. Cholera immunization is not recommended as a public health measure.

(d) Oral Rehydration Therapy is being promoted in all States/UTs as a Part of the strategy to prevent deaths due to diarrhoea. There is no scarcity of ORS packets in the market.

(e) Question does not arise.

#### **WORLD BANK AID POLLUTION CONTROL MEASURES**

**67. SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY :**

**SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD :**

Will the Minister of **ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS** be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have obtained a loan of Rs. 280 crore from the World Bank so as to provide financial assistance to big and small industrial units for pollution control measures;

(b) the details of the terms and conditions under which loan has been obtained from the World Bank;

(c) if so, the details of the such industries to which financial assistance has been provided; and

(d) the extent to which the industries are likely to effectively control pollution by such assistance?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) :** (a) The Union Government has entered into an agreement with the World Bank to provide financial assistance amounting to 147.4 million US \$ for an Industrial Pollution Control Project.

(b) There are two types of lending by the World Bank under the project : (1) credit by the International Development Association (IDA) and (2) loan by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD). The terms and conditions of lending by IDA are : (1) Zero per cent rate of interest (2) 0.75% service charges (3) ten years grace period and (4) thirty five years maturity. The terms and conditions of IBRD lending are : (1) variable rate of interest (currently about 7.75%), (2) commitment charges of 0.25%, (3) Five years grace period and (4) fifteen years maturity.

(c) The project includes provision of loans to large and medium scale industries for pollution control and for setting up of common effluent treatment plants for clusters of small-scale industrial units.

(d) Industries are required to meet the standards prescribed for discharge of effluents/emissions within a specified time-frame. The availability of loans through the financial institutions would facilitate the industries in meeting these standards.

#### **EXTENSION OF FOREST AREAS**

**68. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL :** Will the Minister of **ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS** be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government propose to implement any plan on national level to accelerate the process of extension of forests; and

(b) if so, the outline of such a plan?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) :** (a) and (b) There is no such plan to be implemented at the moment.