

Cholera and Gastro-Enterities Epidemic in Himachal Pradesh

3238. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Himachal Pradesh is in the grip of Cholera and Gastro-enterities epidemic;

(b) if so, the number of deaths due to Cholera and Gastro-enterities in Himachal Pradesh;

(c) whether the Union Government have assured full assistance to Himachal Pradesh to fight Cholera and Gastro-enterities; and

(d) if so, the details of assistance provided to Himachal Pradesh so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) Since June, 1991, a number of districts of Himachal Pradesh have been reporting out break of Gastro-Enterities and Cholera.

(b) Number of deaths due to Gastro-enterities/diarrhoea in Himachal Pradesh reported so far is 182.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Four teams from National Institute of Communicable Diseases, Delhi visited Himachal Pradesh during June—August, 91 to help the State Govt. in investigation and to suggest measures to control the outbreak.

Emergency medicines like chlorine tablets, antibiotics, Intravenous fluids

worth Rs. 20 lakhs have been provided to the State Government.

Life saving drugs worth about Rs. 10 lakhs contributed by UNICEF were also sent.

[Translation]

Factories in Muzaffarnagar

3239. SHRI N. K. BALIYAN : Will the MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of factories manufacturing fertilizers from the animal bones in Khatauli, Muzaffar-Nagar;

(b) whether these factories are located in the middle of residential areas;

(c) if so, whether these factories are polluting air in the entire city;

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard;

(e) whether some directives have been issued to the State Government to shift these factories from these areas; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS : (SHRI KAMAL NATH) (a) to (c) In Khatauli, Muzaffarnagar, there are 4 units engaged in the production of fertilizers from bones. These units are located near the populated area of the city. The surrounding areas of the factories are affected mainly due to foul odour.