

Gastro-Enteritis in Andhra Pradesh

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554. DR. RAVI MALLU:*SHRI BH. VIJAYAKUMAR
RAJU:**

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to pollution of water and air, a large number of people in Andhra Pradesh are suffering from Gastro-enteritis;

(b) if so, the number of patients suffering from Gastro-enteritis that have come to the notice of the Government during 1991 so far;

(c) whether the Union Government propose to provide special assistance to Andhra Pradesh to prevent Gastro-enteritis;

(d) whether the Union Government also propose to consider some pilot projects for tribals affected by Gastro-enteritis in the State; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) to (e) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT

(a) and (b) Gastro-enteritis normally occurs due to contamination of drinking water sources. Air pollution does not cause the disease. Andhra Pradesh is endemic for Gastro-enteritis which often spreads with early monsoon rains leading to pollution of drinking water sources due to flooding, sludging of garbage/excreta.

Number of Gastro-enteritis cases and deaths in Andhra Pradesh from January to August, 1991 are 24,808 and 1,056 respectively.

(c) The Government of India has a National Diarrhoeal Disease Control Programme which is in operation throughout the country including Andhra Pradesh. This programme includes activities like surveillance and monitoring of diarrhoeal disease; promotion of oral rehydration therapy and health education activities.

Besides, in cases of outbreaks or epidemics of diarrhoeal diseases, the Union Government provide technical assistance for prevention and control through National Institute of Communicable Diseases (NICD) and Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).

Both ICMR and NICD have sent teams to investigate gastro-enteritis outbreaks in the State. Necessary recommendations were duly made by them to the State Government for prevention and control of these outbreaks.

(d) There is no such proposal under consideration.

(e) Does not arise.

DR. RAVI MALLU: Sir, I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether there is any proposal to have ICMR Unit in the tribal areas of Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR: Sir, there is no such proposal at the moment. The hon. Member has made the suggestion for the ICMR units for the tribal areas. We will take this into consideration.

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555. DR. SUDHIR RAY:*SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA:**

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: