

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA) : (a) to (e) The issue of encroachment of Indian territory by Nepal in the Susta-Narsahi along the banks of the river Gandak near Balmikinagar of West Champaran district of Bihar near the Indo-Nepal border has been taken up with the Nepalese authorities.

The boundary in this area was originally demarcated in 1902. However, the encroachment problem has continued as a result of shifting of the Gandak river channels. Boundary identification work is currently being jointly undertaken under the guidance of the Joint Technical Level India Nepal Boundary Committee set up in 1981. A programme for joint identification of the boundary in the segment near Balmikinagar was drawn up by the 18th India Nepal Joint Technical Committee meeting. Photogrammetric survey work is likely to be completed during the next field season i.e. December 1997- June 1998. The precise extent of encroachment is also proposed to be determined during the survey.

[English]

Treatment for T.B. Patients

3375. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAIISI :
SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS :
SHRI N. RAMAKRISHNA REDDY :
SHRI CHANDRABHUSHAN SINGH :
SHRI DINESH CHANDRA YADAV :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item appeared in the Hindustan Times dated July 8, 1997 under caption "Hospital's austerity measures costs tuberculosis patients dear";

(b) if so, whether the Government are aware that the Rajan Babu Tuberculosis Hospital, Delhi has stopped the second-line treatment to the T.B. patients whereas such cases are on the rise in the city;

(c) if so, the reasons for stopping the treatment; and

(d) the steps being taken or propose to be taken by the Government for resumption of the treatment to the T.B. patients generally belongs to the poor sections of society?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Rajan Babu Tuberculosis Hospital is a referral Hospital with only indoor facility. Both first line and second line treatment to the T.B. patients who are admitted in the hospital are being given.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.

Computerisation of Administration

3376. SHRI ANNASAHIB M.K. PATIL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have taken series of measures for computerisation of administration both at Centre and States;

(b) if so, details of the programme launched and arrangement made for imparting training to Government personnel and the progress made in this regard as per latest review;

(c) the details of action plan worked out/proposed for total computerisation of Government administration during the Ninth Plan period and phasing thereof;

(d) whether the computers supplied to various offices and Government organisations are scarcely used; and

(e) the steps taken to ensure optimum use of computer network through trained personnel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI RATNMALA D. SAVANOR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government had launched National Informatics Centre (NIC) Programme to bring in computer culture amongst various Government departments with a view to improve administrative efficiency. NIC has developed a large number of Data Bases and Information Systems for computerisation of administration both at Central and State level. For information exchange at different levels in the Government across the country, NIC has established a nation-wide computer-communication network, called NICNET, having more than 1000 satellite based nodes. NIC conducts a large number of training programmes for the officials of the Central Government, State Governments and District administrations through its Centre located at these levels.

(c) NICNET has been operational for 10 years now and requires major expansion due to growing demand of services in the country. NIC has proposed to upgrade the existing NICNET infrastructure to cater to this demand and extend it below District level in Ninth Plan.

(d) No, Sir. Computers supplied to various officers and Government organisations are being used extensively. Many of these systems are used 10-12 hours a day. Computers have become an integral part of a large number of Government offices. The existing infrastructure needs to be upgraded to meet the growing demand.

(e) NIC has launched a number of new services like E-mail, Internet, EDI and FTP. A large number of Government and Public Sector organisations have started using these services, apart from the data tariff of regular Central Government, State Governments and district administration applications.