

also used in the hospital after proper sterilisation.

(d) and (e): Guidelines on control of hospital acquired infections circulated to all the States/Union Territories, inter-alia, indicate that the injection should only be given by a auto-claved or pre-sterilized disposable needles and syringes. Both auto-claved - reusable and pre-sterilized disposable needles and syringes are equally safe and are in use in Central Government hospitals.

Radio Therapy

2330. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether 80 per cent of the cancer cases can be cured with radio therapy;

(b) whether only 190 external radio therapy machines are available in the country whereas their requirement is 800;

(c) if so, the reasons for availability of such a less number of such machines;

(d) whether the Government have taken any steps to increase the availability of these machines; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) As per the available record there are 214 Cobalt Radio Therapy machines available in the Country. The Cobalt Therapy machines are very expensive and due to limited availability of funds the programme is being carried-out in phases.

(d) and (e) Efforts are being made to increase the number of tele-cobalt machines within the available budget. During the last three financial years financial assistance has been provided for setting up of 31 Cobalt Therapy Units. In addition, to above, financial assistance has also been provided to 31 Medical Colleges/Hospitals for upgradation of Development of oncology wing which inter-alia includes a provision of cobalt-60 teletherapy equipments.

[Translation]

Shortage of Medicines in CGHS Dispensaries

2331. SHRI MANIBHAI RAMJIBHAI CHAUDHARI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is no proper arrangement regarding medicines etc. in the dispensaries functioning

under Central Government Health Scheme;

(b) if so, whether due to poor arrangement there is shortage of medicines in the said dispensaries of Delhi and other parts of the country; and

(c) if so, the steps taken or propose to be taken by the Government to ensure availability of all essential medicines in CGHS dispensaries at every time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) : (a) to (c) By and large, most of the listed medicines in the CGHS formulary are presently available in the dispensaries run by the Central Government Health Scheme. However, occasional shortages which are encountered are made up by resorting to local purchase from the approved local chemists. In case of emergencies, an Authority Slip' is issued permitting the beneficiaries to collect the medicines from the authorised local chemists directly, without making any payment. Regular meetings are held with the Stores Organisation to assess the stock position of medicines and necessary steps taken to augment supplies where needed.

[English]

Garage Facility

2332 SHRI PRADEEP BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is no provision of scooter garage in some of the Type-II and Type-III Government quarters in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether representations from various Resident's Welfare Associations/Area Welfare Officers/Residents have been received in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the decision taken by the Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is no provision of scooter garages in:-

i) All Type II quarters.

ii) All Type III quarters upto two storeyed and ground floor quarters in more than three storeyed blocks.