

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to initiate action against the officials found guilty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA):
(a) Under the scheme of Operation Blackboard, Rs. 5,559.72 lakh and Rs. 6,725.40 lakh respectively were released to Maharashtra during 1995-96 and 1996-97.

(b) The State Government has informed that no case of misappropriation has been reported so far.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Contagious Diseases/Epidemics

3534. SHRI KACHARU BHAU RAUT : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the names of contagious diseases/epidemics spread in the country during the last three years, State-wise; and

(b) the action taken or proposed to be taken to check the recurrence of the said diseases in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) The disease outbreaks that have been reported in the country during the last 3 years mainly occurred in the following States :-

Japanese Encephalitis	- Kerala, Haryana & Punjab
Measles	- Uttar Pradesh
Dengue	- Delhi and Haryana
Malaria	- Orissa, Rajasthan & Delhi.
Viral Hepatitis	- New Delhi & Rajasthan
Cholera	- Delhi, Orissa & Haryana
Plague	- Maharashtra & Gujarat.

(b) To check the recurrence of epidemics the Government is taking steps to strengthen the disease surveillance system and improve the implementation of programme that cover specific diseases. To set up an early warning system the Government has issued instructions to states to develop a calendar of activities for taking pre-emptive actions for control of epidemics like Malaria and Dengue.

[English]

Uniform System of Education

3535. SHRI NITISH BHARDWAJ : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce a uniform system of education in colleges on the pattern of Kendriya Vidyalayas; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA):
(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

I.S.I. Activities

3536. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH BHATI : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "I.S.I.. Ne Chuninda Netaon Ki Hatya Ki Sazis Rachi" appearing in the 'Dainik Jagran' dated February 16, 1997;

(b) if so, whether the Government have sent letter of protest to Pakistan in this regard; and

(c) the reaction of the Pakistan Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Government have consistently taken up the issue of Pakistan's support and promotion of terrorism directed against India with Pakistan. Unfortunately, Pakistan's support to cross border terrorism continues. Government are resolved to taking all measures to counter the role of Pakistani agencies directed against India.

[English]

Indo-Bangladesh Land Boundary

3537. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN :

DR. M. JAGANNATH :

SHRI SATYAJITSINH DULIPSINH GAEKWAD :

SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the repl given to Unstarred Question No. 2344 on December 9, 1996 and state :

(a) whether regular meetings were held to implement three issues of land boundary agreement;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years;

(c) the details of the discussion held during the third meeting of Indo-Bangladesh Joint working group held in New Delhi; and

(d) steps taken for early completion of demarcation of Indo-Bangladesh land boundary?