

District-based differential approach. All the Districts in the country have been categorised into Category A, B and C on the basis of Crude Birth Rate and the Female Literacy Rate. While basic facilities are proposed to be strengthened in the Weaker Districts, upgrading of facilities are proposed for relatively Advance Districts. The RCH Programme has been launched in October, 1997. Detailed Guidelines have been prepared and circulated to all States/UTs for District based sub-projects in 17 States for strengthening Institutional Capacities for delivering services have also been sanctioned for implementation.

Self Sufficiency in Petroleum Products

920. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) Whether a conference of Petroleum Geophysists and Oil Industry representatives was held in Chennai on January 19, 1998 to identify and evolve appropriate strategies on oil exploration and exploitation, to make India self reliant in respect of Oil and other Petroleum Products;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof indicating the strategies evolved;

(c) whether any Action Plan is contemplated to make the country self sufficient in respect of Petroleum Products; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR) : (a) The 2nd Conference and Exposition on Petroleum Geophysics was held at Chennai from January 19-21, 1998. The theme of the Conference was "Roads to future-Challenges and opportunities in Petroleum Geophysics".

Formulation of oil exploration & exploitation strategies to make the country self sufficient in respect of Petroleum Production was beyond the scope of this conference.

(b) to (d) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

AIDS Related Projects Funded by National AIDS Control Organisation

921. SHRI M. RAJIAH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National AIDS Control organisation has been funding various projects related to the AIDS;

(b) if so, the details of the projects that have been funded during each of the last three years along with the amount sanctioned and the details of the organisation engaged therein, and

(c) the major achievements made under these project in controlling the AIDS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Jain Commission Report

922. PROF. P. J. KURIEN :
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Jain Commission has submitted its report to the Government;

(b) if so, whether the Government have examined the recommendations made by the Jain Commission;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Government is examining the report of the Jain Commission. The Report and the Memorandum of Action Taken thereon will be tabled in the Budget/ Monsoon Session of the Parliament.

Utilization of Welfare Fund

923. SHRI A. VENKATESH NAIK : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka has utilized the National Handicapped Welfare Fund sanctioned by the Union Government during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the achievements made so far during the said period;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI) : (a) No funds were sanctioned to the Govt. of Karnataka from National Handicapped Welfare Fund, during the last three years. The Fund is now named, National Fund for People with Disabilities.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.