

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI) : (a) and (b) Gutka has not been banned.

(c) Question does not arise.

Population Growth

959. SHRI P. SANKARAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the States where the targetted population growth has been achieved;

(b) the states where no achievements have been observed so far and pricing behind the target or giving no importance in this regard;

(c) whether the Government are considering to launch any incentive scheme under this programme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI) : (a) The long-term Demographic Goal for the Country as laid down in the National Health Policy (1983), is to achieve Annual Natural Growth Rate of 1.2% by 2000 A.D. The States/UTs registering a natural growth of population below 1.2% as per sample Registration System 1996 are i) Tamil Nadu, ii) Kerala, iii) Goa, iv) Pondicherry and v) Tripura.

(b) According to the findings of the Sample Registration System 1996, Annual Natural Growth Rate of Population has declined to 1.85% in 1996 from 1.93% in 1995. This is a substantially large decline in the Annual Growth Rate of Population in one year. Such substantial decline has been found in all major states except Bihar.

(c) and (d) Any Scheme involving meaningfully large Incentives will require large resources, because of the size of the country. Government has not so far approved any Incentive Scheme.

German Project in Karnataka

960. SHRI H.G. RAMULU : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any German Project for improving facilities in Hospitals in Karnataka has been cleared;

(b) if so, the details of Hospitals to be taken up under the proposed project; and

(c) the amount released or proposed to be released during 1988-89 for Karnataka under the said project so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. 26 Hospitals are proposed to be taken up under the Project, which includes 12 Hospitals in Bellary District and 14 Hospitals in Raichur and Koppal Districts.

(c) Rs. 40 crores have been earmarked for implementation of Programmes under this Project, during the year 1998-99.

[Translation]

Health Services in Rural Areas

961. SHRI BASWARAJ PATIL SEDAM :
SHRI RANJIB BISWAL :

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

(a) whether the Government have formulated any scheme to provide proper health services in the entire country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government also propose to develop infrastructural facilities in view of providing adequate health care in the rural areas during the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(e) the problem identified and programmes proposed to be implemented to achieve the said objectives. State-wise; and

(f) the manner in which the Government propose to complete this programme in view of all such constraints?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI) : (a) and (b) Yes Sir. A Network of health facilities comprising 136339 Sub-Centres, 220.10 Primary Health Centres and 2622 Community Health Centres (as on 30.6.1997) have been set up throughout the Country under the Minimum Needs Programme. In addition, there are 2823 Hospitals and 21632 Dispensaries established under the Indian System of Medicine and Homoeopathy. Besides the Government of India has also implementing National Health Programmes related to Malaria, Tuberculosis, Leprosy, Blindness, Iodine Deficiency disorders, Reproductive Health Cadre, Cancer, etc.

(c) and (d) Creating Establishing Infrastructure facilities for providing health care in Rural Areas in the responsibility of the State Governments.