

[Translation]

**Prevention of Diabetes**

\*174. DR. RAMKRISHNA KUSMARIA:  
DR. ASHOK PATEL:

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

- (a) whether the diabetes is spreading in the country at a fast pace;
- (b) if so, whether the Government have formulated any comprehensive scheme to prevent this disease;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) to (d) On the basis of country-wise scientific studies, it can be said that there is increase in the prevalence of diabetes mellitus throughout the country, particularly in urban areas. A multicentre study carried out by AIIMS, New Delhi in 1989 showed age specific prevalence of diabetes mellitus and impaired glucose tolerance in rural Indian populations.

According to this study the overall prevalence of diabetes mellitus and impaired glucose tolerance was found to be 2.07% and 41.4% respectively.

Another study carried out by AIIMS in 1989 indicated the significant increase in prevalence rate of diabetes amongst urban population in the last fifteen years, from 2.1% to 5.1%.

The following activities have been proposed for prevention of the disease:—

- (i) Capacity building at regional (Distt.) level  
Training to Physician, biochemist and

dieticians. Training of Trainers will be done at the first instance and manuals will be developed for training.

- (ii) Development of IEC material (audio/video spots) and their use through mass media.
- (iii) Strengthening of laboratories including computerisation and quality assurance in Central Government hospitals in Delhi.

[English]

**Loss suffered on Local Purchase of Medicines**

\*175. SHRI G. GANGA REDDY:  
SHRI CHANDU LAL AJMEERA:

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

- (a) whether crores of rupees have been lost under the C.G.H.S. system of local purchase of medicines;
- (b) if so, the quantum of loss suffered as a result thereof during the last three years, year-wise;
- (c) whether any inquiry has been conducted in this regard;
- (d) if so, the outcome thereof and the action taken in the matter;
- (e) whether the Government have ordered an inquiry into acute shortage of medicines in the CGHS dispensaries;
- (f) if so, whether the inquiry report has been submitted;
- (g) if so, the findings thereof and if not, the time by which it is likely to be submitted;

- (h) whether the Government propose to discontinue the system of local purchase of medicines;