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under active consideration of the Government.

Sale of Kidneys

369. SHRIJANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that poor and destitute persons in Karnataka are lured to sell their kidneys;

(b) if so, the number of such cases reported during the las six months; and

(c) the action Government propose to take the discourage such an evil practice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD). (a) and (b). Government have seen reports that trafficking in human organs especially in kidneys in taking place in places like Bombay and Madras. However, no such cases have been reported by the Government of Karnataka.

(c) With a view to regulating inter alia trafficking human organs including kidneys, the Government is actively contemplating the enactment of a legislation

Cotton Procured by CCI in Karnataka

370. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity and value of cotton procured from Karnataka during the last six months by Cotton Corporation of India; and (b) the target of procurement of cotton by CCI fixed for the current year?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING IN-DUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) The Cotton Corporation of India has procured about 1.40 lakh quintal of kapas valued at about Rs. 13 crores from Karnataka during the last six months of the current cotton season.

(b) The CCI had fixed a target for commercial purchase of 10.00 lakh bales of cotton including 50.00 bales from Karnataka, during the 1989-90 cotton season.

Primary Health Centres

371. SHRI BALWANT MANVAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of Primary Health Centres which have been set up in the country by Union Government during two years ending 31st March, 1990;

(b) whether Union Government have any proposal to increase the number of such Primary Health Centers in the country in future; and

(c) if so, the target fixed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) Statmeent showing State-wise number of Primary Health Centres set up during 1988-89 and 1989-90 given below.

(b) and (c). Tentatively, 1344 Primary Health Centres are targetted to be established during 1990-91.