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THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (c). The requisite information is being collected and to the extent available will be laid on the Table of the House.

Agro Research in Pepsi Foods Project

400. SHRIMATI SUBHASHINI ALI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of Pepsi Foods' 100 acres farm for agro research and the agro research centre;

(b) the new variety of seeds etc., that have been developed by these research centres and how has this helped the farmers of Punjab; and

(c) the number of agro scientists involved in this project and how many others are employed in this agro research related work?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (c). The requisite information is being collected and to extent available will be laid on the table of the House.

Infant Mortality

401. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of

the alarming rate of increasing infant mortality;

(b) the steps where infant mortality rate is high; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to control infant mortality?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) There is declining trend in the infant Mortality Rate in the country as per Sample Registration system of Registrar General of India. The rate is 94 during 1988 as compared to 104 in 1984. The state-wise estimated infant Mortality Rate for major States and All India during 1984 to 1988 is given in the Statement below.

(b) Among the major States Uttar Pradesh has the highest infant Mortality followed by Orissa and Madhya Pradesh.

(c) The steps taken or proposed to be taken to control Infant Mortality interalia include a massive programme for training of traditional birth attendance, improvement of health infrastructure, training of health manpower, intensification of MCH programme and health education, universal immunisation of children, propagation of oral rehydration thereby to combat diarrhoeal diseases, control of Structure Respiratory Infections, promotion of breast feeding and proper weaning practices scheme for prophylaxis against nutritional anaemia and supplementary nutrition under ICDS programme of the Deptt. fo Women and Child Development.

STATEMENT*Estimated Infant Mortality Rate for major states and All-India, 1984-1988*

Sl.No.	Major State	Infant Mortality Rate				
		1984	1985	1986	1987	1988
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Andhra Pradesh	78	83	82	79	83
2.	Assam	99	111	109	102	99
3.	Bihar	95	106	101	101	97
4.	Gujarat	106	98	107	97	90
5.	Haryana	101	85	85	87	90
6.	Himachal Pradesh	90	84	88	82	80
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	78	85	81	71	71
8.	Karnataka	74	69	73	75	74
9.	Kerala	29	31	27	28	28

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		1984	1985	1986	1987	1988
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
10.	Madhya Pradesh	121	122	118	120	121
11.	Maharashtra	76	68	63	66	68
12.	Orissa	131	132	123	126	122
13.	Punjab	66	71	68	62	62
14.	Rajasthan	122	108	107	102	103
15.	Tamil Nadu	78	81	80	76	74
16.	Uttar Pradesh	155	142	132	127	124
17.	West Bengal	82	74	71	71	69
	India	104	97	96	95	94

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