

**Wages of Labour**

8943. SHRI R.N. RAKESH:  
SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA  
GAVIT:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase the minimum wages of labour working in the capital;

(b) if so, the details thereof:

(c) the time by which the above proposal is likely to be implemented; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

(d) Delhi Administration, while fixing/ revising the minimum rates of wages which are enforceable from 1st May, 1989, has decided to introduce a Variable Dearness Allowance @ 85 paise per point in the rise of Consumer Price Index Number and same is to be announced in the month of February and August each year. This Dearness Allowance will be neutralising the rise in price of cost of living and the minimum wages will be revised every third year.

**"Siddha" System of Medicine**

8944. SHRI N. DENNIS: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government for the promotion "Siddha" System of medical practice; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) and (b). Government have taken the following major steps for development of Siddha System of Medicine:

(i) The Central Council for Research in Ayurveda & Siddha is conducting research programme in Siddha System of Medicine. 14 institutes/units under the Council are engaged in research in this system of medicine.

(ii) Two Departments of Government college of Siddha Medicine at Palayamkottai have been upgraded for Post-Graduate training in maruthuvam and Gunapadam.

(iii) Under the Central Government Health Scheme, one unit each at Madras and New Delhi have been established for providing treatment according to Siddha system to the beneficiaries.

(iv) A Siddha Pharmacopoeia Committee has been constituted to prepare standards formulary and pharmacopoeia of drug of this system. The first volume of Siddha formulary has already been published.

**Steps to Control Filaria**

8945. SHRI A. CHARLES: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a national Filaria Control Programme is being implement in the coun-