

Diversion of River Ravi Flow Into India

10016. SHRI SHANTARAM
POTUDUKHE:
SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEO:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has assessed the danger posed to the Indian territory by the attempted diversion of the flow of river Ravi by Pakistan; and

(b) if so, the measures being taken to face the situation before the onset of the monsoons and prevent the inundation of the Indian territory by such Pakistan move?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) and (b). No report of any recent activity on Pakistan side has been received. However, the Government of Punjab had earlier reported to have noticed construction of bunds and river training workers at some places along river Ravi by Pakistan mostly since 1982-83. Counter-Protective measures have been taken by the Government of Punjab from time to time adverse affects of works taken up by Pakistan. the Central Government has provided an assistance of Rs. 1580 lakhs to the Government of Punjab since 1983 for such works. A team from the Centre inspected some of the beaches of river Ravi in February, 1990, reviewed the field situation and made some recommendations to the Government of Punjab.

Outbreak of Measles

10017. SHRI R. JEEVARATHINAM:
Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE BE pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of children died

recently in South Delhi area due to outbreak of measles;

(b) whether Government have received any reports regarding outbreak of measles in other States, Particularly in Tamil Nadu;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the measures Government have taken to control the contiguous disease from spreading to other parts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) to (c). 40 cases of measles were reported from Gola Kuan Jhuggi cluster in Okhla Industrial area in South Delhi from 19th April to 2nd May, 1990. Two children, out of the 40, died. According to the information received from the State Government, outbreaks of measles were reported in Tehri Garhwal, Fatehpur and Deoria districts of Uttar Pradesh. No outbreak of measles has been reported from Tamil Nadu.

The records of Central Bureau of Health Intelligence indicate an increase in the reported cases of measles in Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Orissa, Arunachal Pradesh and Pondicherry in 1989 when compared to the corresponding period of 1988. However, the increase may partly be due to improved disease surveillance activities as this aspect of the programme has received greater attention in the past year.

(d) Ring Immunisation is carried out by the local health staff to control further spread of measles when an outbreak is reported. The vaccine is available in all the districts in the country. Although coverage levels are increasing, these have not yet reached optimal levels. Health education and publicity efforts have been stepped up to improve demand and acceptance of measles vaccination.