

cers against the vacancies for them.

(c) and (d). The details are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Under Nourishment of Children

10084. SHRI ANBARASU ERA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether children in third world countries die of ill health and other under nourished problem;

(b) if so, whether rate of deaths in India is more as compared to other countries; and

(c) if so, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The infant mortality rate in India and some other countries in Asia are given below:

Alganistan	177
Bangladesh	133
Indonesia	77
Nepal	136
Bhutan	187
Pakistan	126

Sri Lanka	30
Burma	104
China	35
India	94

(c) The important causes of childhood mortality in India are low birth weight, diarrheal diseases, acute respiratory infection, diseases preventable by immunisation and mal-nutrition.

[Translation]

Iodined Salt

10085. SHRI THAN SINGH JATAV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the prescribed iodine value in edible oils in the country;

(b) when the iodine value in mustard oil was fixed;

(c) whether the proposal to increase this prescribed iodine value is under consideration; and

(d) if so, the time by which a decision will be taken in this regard.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD):

(a) The prescribed iodine value of edible oils as laid down under Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955 are as follows:

1)	Coconut oil	7.5 to 10.0
2)	Cottonseed oil	98 to 112
3)	Groundnut oil	85 to 99