

**Spurious Drugs**

10086. SHRI SURYANARAYAN  
YADAV:  
SHRI RAJVEER SINGH:  
DR. BANGALI SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether marketing of spurious drugs is increasing day by day'

(b) whether Government conduct any inquiry from time to time to ensure that such spurious drugs are not sold in the market;

(c) if so, the number of persons identified selling spurious drugs during last six months and the action taken against them; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). The State Governments are responsible for exercising control over manufacture, sale and distribution of drugs in the country through their State Drug Control Organisations. Central and State Drugs Inspectors periodically draw samples from the market and get them tested at Government Laboratories. Whenever any informa-

tion about manufacturing of sale of spurious drug is received, raids are conducted and further action is taken to un-earth the spurious drug rackets and launch prosecution against the offenders.

This Ministry has not received any information regarding sale of spurious drugs during the last six months.

[English]

**Universal Immunisation**

10087. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made with regard to the universal immunisation programme in the country; and

(b) the steps taken to educate women, particularly illiterate poor, about the implications of non-immunised children?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) At the initiation of the Universal Immunization Programme in 1985-86, Vaccine coverage levels ranged between 29% for BCG to 41% for DPT. By the end of 1989-90, the coverage levels have registered significant improvement. The table below gives coverage levels for individual vaccines.:

<i>Antigen</i>	<i>Estimated Coverage Levels</i>		
	1985-86	1988-89	1989-90 (*)
1	2	3	4
DPT	41.12%	79.16%	82.82
OPV	35.66%	74.83%	82.30

1	2	3	4
BCG	28.84%	79.29%	89.1
MEASLES	—	55.17%	69.32
TT (PW)	39.85%	65.15%	69.21

(\*) Provisional Data

(b) Various audio-visual communication materials have been developed and are being extensively utilised to educate the public at large about the benefits of immunisation as also the implications of non-immunisation. Special media campaign, comprising of both mass media and non-mass media components, have been put into operation in the States where the performance has been low. The special campaign seeks to spread the message to the far flung areas by making use of video films for the training of field workers in interpersonal communication, T.V. spot highlighting immunisation against the six vaccine preventable diseases as also the various non-mass media components which include posters and pamphlets etc.

**Employment to Oustees of Land for  
Visakhapatnam Steel Plant, A.P.**

10088. SHRI RAMA KRISHNA KONTHALA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government advised the State Government of Andhra Pradesh to provide to persons whose land is acquired for setting up Visakhapatnam Steel Plant and National Thermal Power Corporation;

(b) if so, the details thereof and number of such oustees;

(c) whether Government of Andhra

Pradesh has since provided employment to such persons; and

(d) the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor and the action proposed to be taken in this regard?

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

(a) No 'Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). As per available information, 4,589 displaced persons of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant and 290 displaced person of NTPC have been placed in Employment.

**Average Rate of Infantile Mortality in  
India**

10089. SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the average rate of infinite mortality in the country, State-wise; and

(b) whether the trend is upward or downward?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) As per Sample Registration System of Registrar General of India, the estimate of infant mortality rate at Nation