

Research and leading paediatricians of the country for their expert opinion in the matter. On hearing from them further action will be taken.

Manufacturers who are marketing Aspirin and other salicylate preparations have been directed to incorporate a box warning "not to be used in children below 12 years of age except under medical advice" on the carton and strip-pack.

Instructions have been issued to this effect that aspirin should not be prescribed to children below 12 years of age.

Telugu Ganga Project

*11. SHRI M. RAGHUMA REDDY :
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the present position of the Telugu Ganga Project ; and

(b) the steps taken and proposed to be taken by the Union Government to expedite the completion of the Project?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b). The project has not yet been cleared by the Centre. However, it is reported that the State Government is incurring expenditure on the project. The completion of the project will depend on necessary clearance by the Centre and adequate funding by the State Government.

WHO Warning on Lung Cancer

*12. SHRI SOMNATH RATH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the warning of World Health Organisation that there will be Lung Cancer epidemic throughout the developing World by 2000 A.D. unless preventive action is taken ;

(b) the action taken by Government in this connection to prevent the same ; and

(c) whether statistics show that there is increase in the incidence of lung cancer in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c). The Government are aware of the concern expressed by the World Health Assembly about the hazards of smoking-related cancer. The action taken in this respect include statutory warning on cigarette packets and advertisements ; promulgation of laws by several State Governments prohibiting smoking in closed areas like cinemas, buses, educational institutions, hospitals, etc., the decision taken by the Ministry of Sports not to accept any advertisements for Cigarettes in the Asiad Stadium etc. An action plan to intensify the Health Education in this area and to bring about a fall in the consumption pattern of tobacco products is under evolution in consultation with other associated Departments and Ministries. Simultaneously, under the Cancer Research and treatment programme, 10 Regional Cancer Centres have been established. Central assistance is also provided for installation of Cobalt therapy units in hospitals and private organisations.

As lung cancer or cancer as a whole is not a notifiable or registerable disease, the complete countrywise data in these areas is not available. However, according to the limited information generated so far by the various cancer registries, an estimated 64,000 new cases of lung cancer would have developed in India between the years 1982-83.

AIDS Victims

*13. SHRI P.KOLANDAIVELU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have found out in how many states AIDS victims are there ;

(b) whether Government propose to set up hospitals for prevention and control of AIDS ;

(c) if so, in which of the States those hospitals are being established ; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY

WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) : (a) Yes, Sir. As on date, the number of confirmed cases of AIDS infection is as follows ;

Tamil Nadu	—	15
Maharashtra	—	2
Andhra Pradesh	—	1

(b) to (d). Separate hospitals are not considered necessary because clinically cases of AIDS could be treated in any well established general hospital or medical college hospital.

Introduction of Air-Taxi Service

***14. SHRI MOHANBHAI PATEL:**

SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DAS MUNSI:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state ;

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to start air-taxi service in the country ;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken so far in this respect ;

(c) by when the air-taxi service is likely to be started in the country ;

(d) whether it will run in public sector or private sector or in both ; and

(e) whether any private sector unit has applied for allowing it to start air-taxi service in the country ; if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Detailed guidelines are being prepared. These will be finalised soon to enable the commencement of Air Taxi Service from September, 1986.

(d) Air Taxi Service would be operated in private sector. However, Public Sector Undertakings of the Government of India and the State Governments would also be allowed to operate such services.

(e) Various parties have written to Government to know the details of the proposal.

National Campaign for Family Planning

***15. DR. K.G. ADIYODI :** Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) number of centres opened and persons adopted family planning methods during the broad based "Frequency and reach" National campaign from April 19th to May 31st, 1986 State-wise ; and

(b) the shortfall if any, and reasons thereof state-wise and the steps taken to over-come the shortfall ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b). A six week intensive nation-wide family planning campaign for sterilisation and IUD methods was launched from 15th April to 31st May, 1986. The number of persons, state-wise, who adopted family planning methods (Sterilisation & IUD) during this campaign, the target and percentage achievement and percentage shortfall of targets is given in the statement given below.

2. The short-fall in achievement during the campaign period vis-a-vis the target was 58.7% and 43.1% for sterilisation & IUD insertion respectively.

3. The target for the six week campaign period were fixed on pro-rate basis of the annual targets under sterilisation and IUD. However, the period April to June being generally a lean period in programme performance, most of the States, as indicated in the Annexure, did not perform as expected on the basis of the campaign targets.

4. The difficulties expressed by some states in launching the Campaign during this period are as under :—

— The State of Tamil Nadu pointed out that the period April to June is not suitable for holding camps and that during these months sterilisation can be performed only in departmental institutions. The organisation on in-service training of staff, maintenance of Hospi-