

The terms of reference of the Committee are :

- (i) to study the procedures for the handling of women offenders in detention or custody ;
- (ii) to review conditions governing the treatment of women offenders in police lock ups and penal and correctional institutions ;
- (iii) to examine the efficacy of institutional and other services for the reformation & rehabilitation of women offenders ;
- (iv) to suggest legal, administrative and organisational measures for ensuring a fair, humane and effective handling of women offenders at various stages of the criminal justice process ; and
- (v) to go into any other aspect relevant to women offenders within the overall framework of the present policy of women's development.

It is expected that the Committee will be able to submit its report by November, 1986.

Spread of 'Serum Hepatitis' Disease in Maharashtra

*105. SHRIMATI PRABHAWATI GUPTA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a new killer disease 'Serum Hepatitis' is spreading fast in Maharashtra ;

(b) if so, the number of persons died or hospitalised on account of this disease ;

(c) the cause of this disease ; and

(d) the measures taken by Government to check this disease ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE : (a) to (d) A total of 378 cases and 19 deaths have been reported from

Maharashtra due to Serum Hepatitis during this year from January to June.

The disease usually spreads through transfusion of contaminated blood and blood products and use of non-sterilised syringes and needles. The following specific measures have been taken by the Government of Maharashtra to check this disease :—

- (i) Instructions have been issued to :
 - (a) check blood donors for Hapatitis-B.
 - (b) not to permit suspected donors to donate blood.
 - (c) to autoclave all syringes, needles and surgical instruments in hospitals and specifically in Blood Banks, Surgical, Gyneacological and Dialysis Centres.
- (ii) To give Hepatitis-B Vaccines in Bombay Municipal Corporation Hospitals and other Government Hospitals in Bombay to high risk group who are willing to take it.

Tournament for One-day Cricket Championships

* 107. KUMARI D.K. THARA DEVI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering to start a tournament similar to the Ranji Trophy for exclusively One-day Cricket Championships on eve of the 1987 World Cup ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Since it is within the perview of the Board of Control for Cricket in India, which