

KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE : There is anti-tick cream which is applied on arms and Legs. Then, one has to wear proper clothing and footwear while entering the forest. The second question asked by the hon. member is about vaccine. Effective vaccine of two does would be available by 1990 in Karnataka State. It would be manufactured again in Shimoga District of Karnataka. This particular money disease occurs mainly in males who enter the forest illegal, for cutting wood or pasture. The maximum cases were in 1983-84 because of deforestation for cashewnut plantation. No case has occurred periodically every 3-4 years. We will definitely look into whatever suggestion has been by the hon. member.

MR. SPEAKER : The Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

Incentives to Doctors to Serve in Rural Areas

*225. **CH. RAM PARKASH :** Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the existing monetary and other incentives to doctors have proved effective to induce them to serve in rural areas;

(b) if so, to what extent; and

(c) if not, what further incentives are contemplated to provide sufficient attraction to doctors to serve in rural areas ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) : (a) and (b) While the existing monetary and other incentives to doctors have resulted in a progressive improvement in the availability of medical doctors for service in rural areas, there still remains an overall shortage as new Primary Health Centres and Community Health Centres are being established.

According to reports received from States and Union Territories, there were 3,229 vacancies against the total sanctioned strength of 24,052 posts in rural areas in September, 1987.

(c) Apart from the special grants provided by the Eighth Finance Commission to the States for improving the availability of medical doctors for service in rural areas, the Ministry has decided to approach the Ninth Finance Commission for providing more allocation to States for this purpose. State Governments have also been advised to monitor the progress and to give due weightage for rural service while considering applications for higher studies and for career advancement. The Central Council of Health and Family Welfare which includes State Health Ministers as members met recently and recommended to State Governments a course of action which includes grant of a rural allowance, free residential accommodation, a system of graded incentives for compensating doctors for rural service and measures for ensuring professional satisfaction to encourage doctors to serve in rural areas.

[Translation]

Killing of Wild Animals in Rajasthan

*226. **SHRI SHANTI DHARIWAL :** Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether incidents of killing of wild animals in Rajasthan have been increasing;

(b) if so, whether the tigers in Alwar and Churu Rajasthan were shot dead in the recent past; and

(c) if so, the difficulties being faced in catching these tigers and the measures proposed to be taken to prevent their killing ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Though there is no report of tigers having been killed in Alwar and Churu