

The Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha has undertaken studies to establish the role of herbs and herbomineral compounds in treating cancer patients and has observed symptomatic relief to the cancer patients all of whom were in the terminal stage.

Supply of Tendu Leaves to Beedi workers in Madhya Pradesh

*328. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether beedi workers in Madhya Pradesh are facing a crisis as the manufacturers have stopped supplying tendu leaves to them;

(b) if so, whether Union Government have called for a report from the Government of Madhya Pradesh in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI BINDESHWARI DUBEY): (a) and (b). As reported by the Government of Madhya Pradesh, no complaint has been received in their Labour Commissioners' Organisation that manufacturers in M.P. have stopped supply of tendu leaves to beedi workers.

(c) It is for the State Government to take necessary steps as and when required.

Hospitals for Rural Poor

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

(a) whether Government propose to have more hospitals for the rural poor; and

(b) if so, the number of such hospitals being set up during 1989-90?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) to (b). Community Health centres which are also known as rural hospitals are set up under the State Sector Minimum Needs Programme. It has been agreed during Annual Plan discussion with the State Governments and UT Administrations that 297 Community Health Centres and 3578 Primary Health Centres will be set up during 1989-90 in various States and UTs. to meet the health needs of rural population.

[Translation]

Sugar Stock

*334. SHRI CHANDRA KISHORE PATHAK: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the research stock of sugar in the country as on 31 March and 30 June 1989, separately;

(b) whether this stock is sufficient to meet the requirement; and

(c) if not, the steps proposed to be taken to meet the requirement of the consumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (c). The stocks of sugar on 31st March, 1989 and 30th June, 1989 were 49.60 and 35.89 lakh tonnes respectively. This will be enough to meet the requirement for the current season.