

Indian Voluntary Organisations engaged in family welfare programmes

*835. SHRI ARJUN SETHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to lay a statement showing:

(a) the names of Indian Voluntary Organisation engaged in the family welfare programmes and those who got link with UNFPA assistance;

(b) whether some of them were recommended by the Government; and

(c) if so, the details of assistance they sought and the final decision of the UNFPA thereon and the criteria followed in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NIHAR RAJAN LASKAR): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-2368/81].

Mortality rate among the tribals in Bihar

*836. SHRI BAGUN SUMBRUI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that among the tribals in Bihar, children have the highest mortality rate;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what special steps are proposed by the Centre for proper ante-natal care and natal services and improving the health conditions making infant and maternal mortality rates low; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

Maternal and Child Health care services such as the following are being provided and expanded:

(1) Immunisation of pregnant mothers and infants.

(2) Prophylaxis against nutritional deficiency diseases like anaemia, and vit. A deficiency among mothers and children.

(3) Pre-natal, delivery and post-natal services for pregnant women through the network of Sub-centres, Primary Health Centres and referral system.

(4) Training of traditional dais to conduct child-birth in safe and hygienic manner.

(5) Monitoring growth and development of infants through children's clinics.

(6) Nutrition education to support prolonged breast feeding and early introduction of suitable weaning foods for infants.

(7) Provision of oral rehydration salts to combat mortality due to dehydration in children suffering from acute diarrhoeal diseases.

Decline in Cargo carried by Indian liner vessels

*837. DR. VASANT KUMAR PANDIT: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cargo carried by the Indian liner vessels as compared to that of foreign liners has declined sharply over the last four years;

(b) if so, what are the figures and the main reasons for the downfall;

(c) whether various associations of shippers, brokers and marine agents have demanded changes in Government's policy to encourage, attract and make cargo shipping remunerative for Indian liners; and

(d) if so, what are the plans for development of Indian cargo shipping