

Spray of insecticides in states

*182. SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the independent Appraisal Teams that visited the States for assessing the work on National Malaria Eradication Programme have found very low coverage of spray of insecticides varying between 30 per cent and 50 per cent as against the claims of the States about the coverage of 75 per cent to 95 per cent; and

(b) the steps being taken to have full coverage of spray of insecticides in the States?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Out of the 17 States visited by them during February, 1982, Independent Appraisal Teams/P. Falciparum evaluation teams which assessed the work of National Malaria Eradication Programme found that the spray coverage ranged from 72 to 84 per cent in Andhra Pradesh, 45 to 90 per cent in Assam, 71 to 91 per cent in Maharashtra, 45 to 90 per cent in Meghalaya and 50 to 75 per cent in Tamil Nadu. They did not comment on the spray coverage in other States.

(b) The following steps have been taken to improve the spray performance—(i) On time availability of insecticides has been organised, (ii) States have been advised to sanction the spray staff well in advance (iii) Health education measures have been stepped up through local bodies for securing better public co-operation.

Alternative appointment for Transshipment workers at Jalpaiguri

*183. SHRI ANANDA PATHAK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware that the transshipment work at New Jalpaiguri has been stopped rendering hundreds of workers idle; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken for giving alternative appointment to these workers?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURY): (a) No, Sir. Transshipment work at New Jalpaiguri has not been stopped and is being done through a Cooperative Society.

(b) Does not arise.

Damages caused to roads and ports in Orissa due to floods

*184. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any team from the Centre has visited the State of Orissa to find out the damages caused to the roads and ports, due to recent floods;

(b) if so, what are the findings;

(c) the details of the damages done; and

(d) what steps have been taken to repair them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI SITA RAM KESARI): (a) Yes, Sir. Ministry of Agriculture which is the nodal Ministry in respect of natural calamities deputed a central team to Orissa. The team visited flood affected areas between 16th and 21st September, 1982.

(b) The report of the team is under consideration of the Ministry of Agriculture.

(c) and (d). According to the Memorandum from the Government of Orissa the extent of damage to roads covers:

(a) PWD Roads . . . 5000 Kms

(b) Panchayat Samiti and Gram Panchayat roads . . . 30,000 Kms.

(c) For st Roads . . . 720 Kms.

(d) Rural Roads . . . 4,214 Kms.