

ernment sector in a phased manner.

- development of man-power,
- establishment of blood component separation facilities

#### **Efficacy Claims of Amrit Kalash**

7038 SHRI V S. RAJASEKHAR REDDY  
SHRIP R KUMARAMANGA-LAM

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state

(a) whether an Ayurved drug Amrit Kalash, claims to cure heart disease and cancer.

(b) whether Director-General, Indian Council of Medical Research has expressed his reservation against pre mature publicity of various claims

(c) whether the Doordarshan, contrary to its practice flaunted the promise held out by this "miracle drug" and

(d) whether the Government propose to set up a Committee of Experts to verify the claims expressed, to remove doubts from the minds of the general public?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD)

(a) There have been a few reports in a section of the Indian Press about a herbal Food Supplement preparation named 'Amrit Kalash' prepared by Maharishi Ayurveda, Noida (UP) It has been claimed that the preparation is useful in certain heart ailments, cancer, etc However, Scientific evidence is scanty

(b) The Director General of Indian Council of Medical Research has expressed reservations against pre-mature publicity and various claims made with regard to the product 'Amrit Kalash'.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government.

[*Translation*]

7039 DR MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of multinational companies particularly Hindustan Lever Limited is using caustic Soda more than the prescribed quantity while processing milk and milk products, and

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD):

(a) As per provisions of PFA Act and Rules made thereunder, caustic soda is not permitted to be used in milk and milk products. No report about use of caustic soda in processing of milk and milk products by any multinational company including M/s. Hindustan Lever Ltd has come to the notice of the Government

(b) Does not arise.

[*English*]

#### **Wages of Workers of Basrah Housing Project, IRAQ**

7040. SHRI KIRPAL SINGH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Punjab Chemi Plants,