

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) and (b). Yes. In order to control the problem of Iodine Deficiency Disorders, the Government has launched a scheme of universal iodisation of edible salt in a phased manner to be completed by 1992. Goitre Control Programme in Uttar Pradesh is being implemented in close coordination with the Salt Department under Ministry of Industry and the State Government. The State Government of U.P. have banned the sale of non-iodised salt in the entire state w.e.f. 2nd October, 1987. The salt iodisation in U.P. is being monitored by the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi.

[English]

#### **Incidence of Cancer**

7194. SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR:  
SHRI R.N. RAKESH:  
SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA  
GAVIT:

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

- (a) whether the incidence of cancer is on the increase; and  
(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

#### **Study by O.R.G. on Family Planning**

7195. SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR:  
SHRI SHANTARAM  
POTDUKHE:

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

(a) whether the Operations Research Group at Baroda have conducted a study on the family planning programme in the country;

(b) if so, the findings of the Group; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

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

(b) and (c). Operations Research Group, Baroda has submitted draft report on Family Planning practices in India which is under consideration.

#### **Linking of Peninsular and Himalayan Rivers**

7196. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken by Government to link the peninsular and Himalayan rivers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government propose to implement the proposal during the Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) and (b). For transferring the water from surplus to water short areas, Central Government has prepared a National perspective which comprised of two components namely, Himalayan River Development Component and Peninsular River Development Component. cooperation of neighbouring countries is required for Himalayan River Development Component but, Peninsular River Develop-

ment Component can be taken up with the cooperation of concerned State Governments. In July, 1982, Central Govt. had set up National Water Development Agency for taking up studies on Peninsular River Development Component. In all, studies are required to be made on 17 water transfer links. Preliminary feasibility reports on five links have already been prepared and reports on the remaining 12 will be completed during the 8th Plan period. Studies on Himalayan River Development Component are also proposed to be taken up during the 8th Plan.

(c) Detailed field investigations on some of the links of Peninsular River Development Component will also be undertaken in 8th Five Year Plan.

#### **Handicrafts and Handloom Export Corporation Limited**

7197. SHRI M.M. PALLAM RAJU: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the places where Handicrafts and Handloom Export Corporation Ltd, has procurement offices;

(b) the names of the countries to which HHEC exports the handicrafts and handlooms;

(c) the foreign exchange earned by the Handicrafts and Handloom Export Corporation Limited during the last three years and the last three years and the major items that have increasing market potential in foreign countries; and

(d) the steps taken to tap the such potential?

**THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV):** (a) Handicrafts and Handloom Export Corpora-

tion has its procurement offices at the following places:—

Delhi, Madras, Bombay, Calcutta, Bhadohi, Srinagar, Bangalore, Bhagalpur, Erode, Jammalmagudu (Andhra Pradesh) Cannanore, Kollegal, Nellore, Cuddalore, Sathyamanglam, Hyderabad, Salem.

(b) HHEC exports handicrafts and handlooms to the following countries:

West Germany, France, Switzerland, USA, Japan, USSR, Sweden, UK, Italy, Holland, Austria, Netherlands, Spain, Hong-Kong, South Korea, Malaysia, Norway, Sri Lanka, Australia, Canada, Belgium, Denmark and Thailand.

(c) Foreign Exchange earnings of HHEC during the last three from export of handicrafts and handloom products are:—

	<i>(Rs/Crores)</i>
1987-88	22.72
1988-89	30.31
1989-90	29.07
	(Provisional)

(The above excludes gold and silver jewellery exports through HHEC)

Major items with increasing market potential in foreign countries are cotton garments, cotton handloom fabrics and carpets.

(d) The major steps taken to tap the potential markets are:—

1. Development of new designs, varieties for fabrics, new styles in garments.
2. Participation and/or organising exhibitions for these products.