

(f) Include a chapter on smoking and its bad effects on health in the text books.

Regional Passport Office, New Delhi

*272. SHRI DURGA CHAND: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to an article under 'Focus' published in a local daily dated the 30th May, 1977 regarding dismal functioning of the Regional Passport Office, New Delhi,

(b) whether Government propose to make an enquiry into the functioning of the Regional Passport Office, New Delhi; and

(c) how the functioning of the office is proposed to be improved?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE): (a) Government's attention has been drawn to an article on the working of the Regional Passport Office, New Delhi, which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' of 30th May, 1977.

(b) and (c). In view of the sharp increase in work-load of all the Regional Passport Offices, which in 1976 was about 50 per cent more than in 1975, Government have undertaken a review of the working methods and procedures as well as requirements of staff relating to the issue of passports. Studies have been carried out in the Regional Passport Office, Delhi as well as in a number of other offices, on the basis of which measures for simplifying existing procedures and improving lay-outs and systems in the offices and increasing the staff strength are under consideration and implementation.

देश में मलेरिया के रोगी

*273. श्री मोम प्रकाश त्यागी : क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने कि कृपा करेंगे कि गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान विभिन्न राज्यों में मलेरिया के रोगियों की संख्या कितनी थी ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री (श्री राज नारायण) : एक विवरण सभा पटल पर रख दिया गया है ।

विवरण

राज्य वार मलेरिया के रोगियों की संख्या

क्रम सं० राज्य संघ शासित क्षेत्र	1974	1975	1976 (अस्थाई)
1. आन्ध्र प्रदेश	134295	151103	196143
2. असम	58478	126362	1139128
3. बिहार	81903	94371	68046
4. गुजरात	573118	799180	1083589
5. हरियाणा	229879	507220	736566
6. हिमाचल प्रदेश	8076	16481	22110
7. जम्मू तथा कश्मीर	3618	19403	357853
8. केरल	862	1651	5029
9. म य प्रदेश	477058	836680	578325