

Statement

1. During the period April 1977 to February 1978 a total number of 773,935 voluntary sterilisations have been performed in the country and of these 144,218 are vasectomy operations (male sterilisation). The figures for the month of March, 1978 are not yet available.

2. During the period April 1976 to March 1977 a total number of 8,259,075 sterilisation operations were performed in the country and of these 6,197,778 were vasectomy operations.

3. Budget provisions is made on the basis of financial year (April to March) and the funds provides in the central budget during the financial years 1976-77 and 1977-78 are indicated below:—

1976-77	Rs. 6999.00 lakhs.
	In addition Rs. 7911.74 lakhs were obtained through supplementary grants during 1976-77.
1977-78	Rs. 9817.67 lakhs

4. The utilisation of the budget provision is on many different items besides on compensation for sterilisations and IUD insertion. The different broad groups of activities and the estimated expenditure in respect of 1976-77 and budget provision for 1977-78 is indicated below:

	(Rs in lakhs)	
	1976-77 (Estimated expenditure)	1977-78 (Budget provision)
(i) Services and supplies excluding compensation .	5609.31	5981.62
(ii) Compensation for Sterilisation & IUD insertions	7786.03	2000.00
(iii) Training .	189.77	275.00
(iv) Mass Education	208.59	350.00
(v) Research & Evaluation .	130.89	143.0
(vi) India Population Project .	507.27	615.00
(vii) Maternity & Child Health .	164.71	263.00
(viii) Organisation .	220.09	190.00

Leprosy Patients in India

*528. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the speech made by Shri Browne, Secretary General of the International Leprosy Association on 28th January, 1978 in New Delhi and published in *Times of India* on the 29th January, 1978 that 1/5th of the World's leprosy patients are in India; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAJ NARAIN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to a W.H.O. estimate, there are 11.2 million leprosy patients (excluding those for China) in the World. Out of these, it is estimated that there are 3.2 million leprosy patients in India. Out of these cases, 2.3 million cases have already been detected and 1.9 million have been brought under treatment. It is planned that by the end of the Sixth Plan, no leprosy case would remain undetected and unprovided with treatment.

Extending I. D. Act to College and University Employees

*529. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to amend the Industrial Disputes Act to cover college and university employees (non-teaching) and supervisory employees drawing a salary upto Rs. 2000/- p.m.; and

(b) if so, the decision thereon?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR (SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA): (a) and (b). The entire matter is under examination in the overall context of the Industrial Relations Bill.