GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OFHEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

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ANSWERED ON

HEALTH MELAS .

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

(a)whether a decision to hold health melas in BIMAR State capitals was taken in the meeting of officials of the Ministry during the first week of September last; if so, the number and names of States, the date and purpose of such melas;

(b)whether the date announced for a mela in Lucknow, the capital of U.P., was cancelled; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c)the likely impact of Government`s fickle decision about melas to be held in other States and on their objectives as well?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (c)Health Melas have been organised in Mathura (17-20 September, 2000), Delhi (16-25 October, 2000), Kargil (21-25 October, 2000) and Patna (19-21 November, 2000) with a view to provisioning integrated quality health care services, to meet the unmet needs among all segments of population. In these melas people become aware of a number of options before them in terms of the different systems of medicine (allopathy, homeopathy, ayurveda and unani). People begin to comprehend the linkages between preventive, promotive, curative and rehabilitative health care and also the linkages between the primary, secondary and tertiary health sectors. People are getting sensitised to the role of Central Government, the State Government, the elected local bodies, the NGOs and the professional organisations. The pre-mela demographic and epidemiologial surveys provide vast amounts of data about a given city and its rural hinterland. The State Government did not consider it advisable to hold the mela in October/November, 2000 as the State was goving through election to local bodies. The `Health and Family Welfare Mela` is proposed to be organised at Lucknow in Uttar Pradesh from 31st January to 2nd February, 2001. The Health and Family Welfare Melas are proposed to be held in the States, which have weak socio-demographics indices.

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