

- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of eligibility criteria and other terms and conditions for appointment of its Chairman; and
- (d) by when the vacant post is likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Consequent to resignation of Shri Justice L.S. Panta, the post of Chairperson, National Green Tribunal (NGT) has fallen vacant since January 1, 2012. Subsequently, Shri Justice R.V. Raveendran who was recommended by Hon'ble Chief Justice of India for the post of Chairperson, NGT intimated his unwillingness for the post due to personal reasons. However, Shri Justice A.S. Naidu, Judicial Member is functioning as the acting Chairperson, NGT.

(c) The terms and conditions for appointment of Chairperson, NGT have been provided in Sections 5, 6 and 7 of the NGT Act, 2010. Section 5 (1) of the Act provides, *inter alia*, that a person who is or has been a Judge of the Supreme Court of India or Chief Justice of a High Court is qualified to be appointed as the Chairperson of the NGT. Further, Section 6(2) of the Act provides that subject to the qualifications as provided in Section 5, the Chairperson shall be appointed by the Central Government in consultation with the Chief Justice of India. Section 7 of the Act provides, *inter alia*, for a term of five years for Chairperson from the date he enters upon office provided that in case a person who is or has been a Judge of the Supreme Court shall not hold office after he has attained the age of seventy years, provided further that in case a person who is or has been the Chief Justice of a High Court is appointed as Chairperson, he shall not hold office after he has attained the age of sixty-seven years.

(d) The recommendation of the Chief Justice of India for the post of Chairperson, NGT has been received and is being processed.

Complaints for scraping of Ganga River Basin Authority

2531. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government has received complaints for scraping of the Ganga River Basin Authority;

- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the actions taken by the Government till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN) : (a) to (c) The Ministry of Environment & Forests has not received any complaints for scraping of the Ganga River Basin Authority and hence no action has been taken in this regard.

Eradication of JE and AES

2532. SHRIMATI KUSUM RAI :

SHRI ARVIND KUMAR SINGH :

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

- (a) the details of deaths occurred due to Japanese Encephalitis (JE) and Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES) in the country during the current year, State-wise and district-wise details in case of Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) the details of funds allocated by the Union Government to JE and AES affected States during the current year, State-wise;
- (c) whether Government has received any proposal from the State Government of Uttar Pradesh for eradication of JE and AES during the current year;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of action taken thereon and the present status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD) : (a) State-wise details of reported deaths due to Japanese Encephalitis/ Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (JE/AES) in the country and district-wise details of reported deaths in Uttar Pradesh during 2012 are given in Statement-I and Statement-II (*See below*) respectively.

(b) State-wise details of fund allocation during 2012 are given in Statement-III (*See below*).

(c) to (e) A request has been received from the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh through Prime Minister's Office containing proposals relating to establishment of ICU's, implementation of public health activities, improvement of sentinel surveillance