

COLLEGE OF NURSING, NEW DELHI

*595. **Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) how many students are at present studying in the College of Nursing at New Delhi; and

(b) whether Government propose to start similar colleges of nursing in other parts of the country?

The Deputy Minister of Health (Shrimati Chandrasekhar): (a) 118.

(b) The Central Government have no such proposals. They have yet to develop the present Institution. The State Governments are at liberty to start similar Colleges for themselves should they so desire.

Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy: May I know, Sir, what is the total cost involved in starting this college?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): The actual expenditure incurred on the College of Nursing in Delhi, if that is what the hon. Member is referring to.....

Mr. Speaker: New Delhi.

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur:...is as follows: In 1946-47 it was Rs. 54,000 odd, in 1947-48 it was over Rs. 58,000, in 1948-49 Rs. 1,63,000, in 1949-50 Rs. 2,28,000, in 1950-51 Rs. 2,36,000, in 1951-52 Rs. 2,37,000 and for the year 1953-54 provision has been made for Rs. 3,65,000.

Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy: May I know, Sir, what are the main items of expenditure?

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur: Expenditure is normally incurred on items which any College would need.

Mr. Speaker: Are these taken from the Budget?

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur: Yes.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Member may refer to the Budget figures.

Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy: May I know, Sir, what are the qualifications required for admission of students to this College?

Shrimati Chandrasekhar: Inter Science.

Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy: May I know, Sir, whether the hon. Minister is aware that some students who have passed B.Sc. have also been admitted into this College and are treated as post-graduate students?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Member is going too much into details of administration. If he has any questions to ask on policy, they may be put, but I do not propose to allow questions on details of administration.

Shri K. K. Basu: May I know, whether these students are admitted direct or on a State-wise basis?

Mr. Speaker: Order, order.

Shri Doraswamy: May I know, Sir, how many graduates have so far passed out of this college?

Mr. Speaker: I think it is all details.

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*596. **Dr. Rama Rao:** (a) Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state whether any representations have been received by the Government of India from any representative body of nurses regarding their living conditions, training facilities, etc.?

(b) Are any attempts being made by the Government of India to raise the pay and allowance-levels of the nurses all over India to the same standard?

(c) What are the existing pay-scales for the nurses in the Government hospitals of the various States?

(d) How many training centres for nurses exist all over India (State-wise)?

(e) Are there plans for their expansion or for new institutions to be started?

(f) Do Government propose to consider the question of conducting an enquiry into the conditions of nurses in India?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): (a) Yes.

(b) This question has long since been taken up with the State Governments and constant reminders are being issued to them in this regard.

(c) and (d). Two statements containing the information required are placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 49].

(e) The Governments of Bombay, Punjab, Bihar, Orissa, Mysore, Madhya Bharat, Travancore-Cochin, Hyderabad, Saurashtra and P.E.P.S.U. have plans for the expansion of the existing training centres for nurses or for starting new institutions.

(f) No, because they already have the necessary information.