

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): (a) The upgrading scheme mentioned is a scheme for the improvement or up-grading of selected branches in certain existing Medical Colleges for the purpose of providing facilities for post-graduate teaching and research. The expenditure on the upgrading of the selected institutions is to be shared by the Central and State Governments concerned. The following departments in Medical Institutions in Madras City have been selected for up-grading:

- (1) Anatomy Department, Stanley Medical College.
- (2) Venereal Diseases Department, Madras Medical College.
- (3) Obstetrics and Gynaecology Department, Women and Children's Hospital.

(b) The Scheme was suggested by the Central Government.

(c) Not so far, but the Government of India have accepted certain commitments to share the expenditure, both recurring and non-recurring.

(d) There are proposals for the up-grading of certain departments in other important Medical Institutions in the various States. A list of all the departments recommended for up-grading, arranged in order of priority, is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 36.]

Dr. Rama Rao: Do the Government contemplate taking any steps regarding the Delhi University or any of the Medical colleges in Delhi?

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur: As far as Delhi University is concerned, we have already given money for the development of the T.B. Institute here. There is no Delhi college at the moment in existence. That will come into being with the All India Medical Institute.

Dr. Rama Rao: Is it a fact that the Irwin Hospital authorities, that is the Delhi State, have refused to hand it over to the Government?

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur: That is so.

Shri C. K. Nair: May I know if Health in the Part C States is a transferred subject or a reserved subject?

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur: Health is a transferred subject. But of course, in the Part C States, there are directives that can be issued from time to time. The position is not the same as in Part A States.

Shri V. P. Nayar: What time would the Government take for up-grading the various departments in the Medical colleges so that our students who wish to have post-graduate training in Medicine and Surgery may not have to go overseas?

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur: As quickly as possible. When the expenditure is shared by both the Central Government and the State Governments, a great deal depends on how much and how soon the State Governments can put their share into the scheme.

Dr. Rama Rao: May I know what the Government propose to do in connection with the All India Medical Institute, because the Delhi State authorities have refused, as the hon. Minister said just now, to hand over the Irwin Hospital? Where do they want to start the Institute?

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur: In Delhi. A scheme is under consideration. It is now with the Finance Ministry. We have suggested that we take over 150 acres in the Safdarjan area.

AGARTALA-KURTI ROAD

***765. Shri Dasaratha Deb:** (a) Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state how much money has so far been spent for the construction of Agartala-Kurti (Dharma Nagara) Road?

(b) Has the Road been completed?

(c) Was any co-operation sought from the local people for the construction of this Road and if so, what was the response?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) About Rs. 190 lakhs upto the end of October 1952.

(b) The formation of the road with temporary bridges has been completed throughout, but metalling and construction of bridges is still in progress.

(c) Yes; the response was poor.

Shri Dasaratha Deb: May I know how much money has been lost and what punishment was given, to the defaulters and who was the person?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: There is no question of defalcation.

Shri Dasaratha Deb: Is there any chance of a new alignment for the completion of the work?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: A new alignment has already been completed.