

<i>Categories</i>	<i>General</i>	<i>SC</i>	<i>ST</i>	<i>Total</i>
Yoga	323	09	02	334
	22290	1676	261	24227
Non-teaching Staff	4255	2607	412	7242

[English]

**Afforestation in Coastal Areas**

112. SHRI G.M.C. BALAYOGI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for afforestation in the coastal areas, especially in the cyclone prone areas in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any Coastal States have submitted any proposals in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) Afforestation activities are being carried out in all coastal States in the country under various Central and State Plan Schemes such as the Social Forestry Projects, Coastal Shelter Belts Plantations, Drought Prone areas Programme, Fuel wood and Fodder Projects and Integrated Wastelands Development Projects, etc.

(c) and (d) Funding for afforestation activities is mostly done from year to year under the Annual Plans of concerned States.

**Research on AIDS**

113. SHRI VIJAY NAVAL PATIL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WEL-

FARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have entrusted Allopathic and Homoeopathic systems of medicine to conduct research and find cure for AIDS; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the progress made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHAR): (a) Global research efforts are currently underway in several systems of medicines to find an effective cure for AIDS. So far none of the drugs has been found to be effective to cure AIDS.

(b) The Indian Council of Medical Research is monitoring the global activity and as and when any promising drug is available the council will initiate studies to evaluate their safety and efficacy.

**Purchase Policy of Medicines for CGHS Beneficiaries**

114. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the purchase policy of the medicines for supply to CGHS beneficiaries through dispensaries/hospitals in vogue at present;

(b) the number of times the policy has undergone changes including the details of