

time by which it is likely to be marketed in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARATHA): (a) to (d). Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the house.

Recruitment of Teaching Staff in Medical Colleges

8207. SHRI BHEEM SINGH PATEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the recommendations of the Medical Council of India regarding recruitment of teaching staff in Medical Colleges;

(b) whether these recommendations are being implemented; and

(c) if not, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARATHA): (a) The recommendations of the Medical Council of India regarding recruitment of teaching staff in medical colleges are as follows:

FOR BROAD SPECIALTIES

Lecturer: Recognised post-graduate qualification in the subject, i.e., MD/MS.

Reader: Experience as Lecturer in the concerned subject for 5 years in a medical college.

Professor: Experience as Reader in the concerned subject for 4 years in Medical College.

FOR SUPER SPECIALTIES

Lecturer: Recognised post-graduate super speciality qualification in the concerned subject.

Reader: Experience as Lecturer in the concerned subject for 5 years in a medical college.

Professor: Experience as Reader in the concerned subject for 4 years in a Medical College.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Central Forest Universities

8208. SHRI BAPU HARI CHAURE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up Central Forest Universities in the Country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) Forest Research Institute, Dehra Dun, one of the Institutes under the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education, has been declared as a "Deemed University" by the Central Government w.e.f. 6th December, 1991. There is no proposal under consideration at present to set up any more Central Forest Universities in the country.

(b) The "Demand University" would offer

facilities for Doctoral and Post-doctoral for research in various disciplines of Forestry. It would also organise Post-masters Diploma courses in four areas viz Forestry Operations, Seasoning and Preservation of Timber, Pulp and Paper Technology and Social Forestry.

(c) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Education in Kendriya Vidyalayas

8209. SHRI VISHWANATH SHASTRI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Standard of education in Kendriya Vidyalayas has deteriorated;

(b) if so, the Reasons thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to improve the education standard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) No Sir. Government have no reason to believe that the standard of education in the Kendriya Vidyalayas has deteriorated.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[*English*]

Stoppage of Meenakshi and Chetak Expresses at Naryana Station, Rajasthan

8210. SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any demand for stopping the Meenakshi and Chetak

Expresses at Naryana Station in Rajasthan; and

(b) if so, the time by which the stoppage of those trains are likely to be provided there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal has been examined but not found feasible due to lack of traffic justification.

U.S. Aid for Family Planning

8211. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United States Aid for International Development (USAID) is reorienting its development strategy in India with a greater attention on family planning sphere;

(b) whether to this end, (USAID) would conduct an ambitious survey on health and family welfare in ordination with his Ministry;

(c) if so, the modus operandi for the proposed survey and the authority which is likely to appoint enumerators and other manpower for this purpose; and

(d) the States and Union Territories selected for this survey and the role proposed to be assigned to them in this behalf?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARATHA): (a) United States Aid for International Development (USAID) have offered a very sizable package of assistance for improvement of Family Welfare Programme in Uttar Pradesh, besides other on-going activities.