Written Answers

Hospitals in Delhi

1504. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI : Wil-the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the Union Government have a proposal to expand some Government hospitals in Delhi; and
 - (b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

- (b) Central Government hospitals have plans for expansion as under :-
 - Safdarjang Hospital: augmentation of OPD
 - (11)Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital: Plans to augment the emergency block.
 - (m)Kalawati Saran Children Hospital: Plans to construct 4 storeyed building with 150 additional beds and sophisticated equipment with assistance from the Japanese International Co-operation Agency.

[Translation]

Sick Sugar Mills

1505. SHRI HARIN PATHAK:

SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD:

SHRI DATTA MEGHE:

SHRI ARJUN SINGH YADAV:

SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA:

SHRI KHELAN RAM JANGDE:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

- (a) the State-wise number of sugar mills lying closed or are on the verge of closure as on December 31, 1995;
 - (b) the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government have taken any decision in regard to the sick sugar mills; and
- (d) the condition of sugar mills running under the Bihar Sugar Corporation and the steps taken to revive the sugar mills of Raiyam, Sakri, Lhath and Samastipur and make them self-reliant?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) As on 31.12.1995, 54 factories have not reported production. State-wise details are given below:

State	No. of factories
Bihar-	15
Punjab	1,
U.P.	5
Gujarat	3
Maharashtra	8
Assam	3
Orissa	1
Andhra Pradesh	9
Karnataka	4
Kerala	2
M.P.	2
Nagaland	1

- (b) The closure of a sugar mill may be due to a variety of factors, such as inadequate cane availability, uneconomic size, old and obsolute plant and machinery, technical and managerial problems, financial constraints etc.
- (c) It is for respective sick sugar mills/State Government to formulate their policy in this regard and the Central Government has no role to play in the matter.
- (d) The Government does not maintain profit and loss accounts in respect of sugar mills. Sugar Mills have themselves to prepare schemes for rehabilitation/ modernisation and get them approved by the concerned institutions. Financial assistance is also available from the Sugar Development Fund (SDF) at concessional rate of interest for such rehabilitation/modernisation schemes, subject to their fulfilling the conditions laid down.

[English]

NRI and private participation in Health Sector

1506. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state

- (a) whether a number of Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) have expressed their interest and willingness to invest in health sector particularly in setting up of the medical infrastructural facilities in the country;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the response of the Government to the proposals, if any, received from the NRIs in this regard;
- (d) whether the Government have also received any proposals made by the private sector within the country