

adequate, the maintenance grant to the Hospital has been increased from Rs.6000/- to Rs. 12,000 per bed annum from the current financial year.

[English]

Nursing Home of RML Hospital

4684. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Nursing Home at Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, Delhi is adequate to meet the demand of the eligible CGHS beneficiaries;

(b) if not, the details of the action taken or proposed to be taken to construct a Nursing Home in South Delhi for the benefit of the employees residing in that part of Delhi;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken to update the existing Nursing home with all modern facilities and technique?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (c). The existing capacity in the nursing home of dr. R.M.L. Hospital has at times been inadequate to meet the requirements of increasing number of beneficiaries. However, some private hospitals have been recognised under CGHS where the beneficiaries can avail nursing Home facilities. As such, there is no proposal under consideration to construct a nursing Home in South Delhi at present.

(d) The facilities like blood gas analyser and monitors are added or upgraded from time to time for the benefit of the patients.

Fares of AC Chair-Car in Pinakini Express

4685. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether 1st class fare is being collected from the passengers travelling in the A. C. Chaircar compartment attached to Pinakini Express between Vijayawada and Madras, Satavahara Express between Vijayawada and Secunderabad and some other trains;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether several representations have been received to revise the fare of these services;

(d) if so, the likely date from which fare is likely to be revised; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) Vijayawada-Madras Pinakini Express and Vijayawada Secunderabad Satavahana Express are day time inter-city Mail/Express trains. Improved type 1st class Chair Car coaches with Air-conditioned facility have been provided by these trains so as to give greater comfort to the day time passengers. First Class fare is charged for this service.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e). There is no proposal to reduce the fare for this service, in view of the reasons mentioned in reply to part (b) above.