Opening of Primary Health Centres

1316. SHRI SHANTILAL PARSOTAMDAS PATEL : SHRI DINSHA PATEL: SHRI VIJAY PATEL :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of Primary Health Centres (PHC) opened in the country during the Eighth Five Year Plan period;
- (b) the total number of PHCs and Maternity centres opened in Gujarat during the period alongwith the locations thereof; and
- (c) the number of such centres proposed to be opened in the country, particularly in Gujarat during the Ninth Five Year Plan and quantum of funds allocated for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) During the Eighth Five Year Plan period 1135 Primary Health Centres have been opened in the country.

- (b) The number of Primary Health Centres opened in Gujarat during this period are 46. Being a State subject, the Centre does not maintain the details of location of such centres. Maternity care services are provided through threetier system of primary health care, Rural and Urban Family Welfare Cantres, Urban Health posts and various hospitals in the country including Gujarat.
- (c) The number of Health Centres proposed to be opened and the quantum of funds to be allotted for the purpose during the 9th Five Year Plan in country including Gujarat has not been decided.

Kollam Bypass

- 1317. SHRI N.K. PREMCHANDRAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the estimates relating to the Kollam Bypass Phase-II has been pending with the Government for sanction;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the work is likely to be commenced and completed?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) to (c) The estimate for the Kollam bypass has been received in December, 1996 and can be considered during the Ninth Plan subject to inter-se priority of works and availability of funds.

Extension of National Highways in Gujarat

- 1318. SHRI VIJAY PATEL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:
 - (a) whether it is a fact that Union Government have

received a proposal from the Government of Gujarat for extension of Calcutta-Nagpur-Delhi National Highway-6 and Dhule-Surat-Hazira linking National Highways in Gujarat;

- (b) whether it is, also a fact that the proposal could not be undertaken due to non-availability of fund during Eighth Five Year Plan:
- (c) if so, whether the proposal is likely to be considered during 1997-98; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

- (b) Yes, Sir.
- (c) and (d) The proposal would be considered in the next plan subject to availability of funds.

[Translation]

Air Force Recruitment Tests

1319. SHRI RAJESH RANJAN ALIAS PAPPU YADAV: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Air Force recruitment tests were held in Patna headquarters earlier;
- (b) if so, whether the same are being held in Bihata presently;
- (c) if so, whether no facilities are available for candidates in Bihata;
- (d) if so, whether the Government propose to conduct the recruitment test in the urban area of Patna;
 - (e) if so, by when; and
 - (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

- (c) All necessary facilities are available at Bihata.
- (d) to (f) If the following facilities are provided by the State Government, at their own expense, selection tests can be conducted at Patna:-
- (I) Examination hall with seating arrangements to seat a minimum of 300 candidates.
- (ii) A minimum of four rooms with two tables and chairs each for conduct of Medical examination.
 - (iii) Civil police arrangements to control the crowd.
- (iv) Confirmation of availability of the above facilities atleast four months in advance from the date of tests and an undertaking that these facilities are not cancelled at the last moment.