

Bombay, Delhi, Madras, Kanpur and Kharagpur in the current academic session ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

The Minister of Human Resource Development (Shri Arjun Singh) : (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Each Indian Institute of Technology evaluates and monitors all its programmes from time to time and decides well in advance of commencement of the academic session the intake in each course. Any change in the number of seats in various programmes conducted at these Institutes is made keeping in view the optimal utilisation of the infrastructural facilities, such as classrooms, hostel accommodation, faculty strength, etc.

[English]

Recognition to Trichur Medical College, Kerala

***199. Prof. K. V. Thomas :** Will the Minister of Health and Family Welfare be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to recognise the Trichur Medical College, Kerala ;

(b) if so, by when ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

The Minister of Health and Family Welfare (Shri M. L. Fotedar) :

(a) to (c) : The Medical College, Trichur, affiliated to Calicut University, Kerala, was granted temporary recognition by the Medical Council of India for three years, namely, 1988, 1989 and 1990 in respect of the M.B.B.S. degree awarded by Calicut University.

For the purpose of granting permanent recognition, an inspection was carried out on behalf of the Medical Council of India in July, 1991. The Council has informed that

the inspection report is pending for consideration by the Executive Committee/Council. The various Committees of the Council are not functioning at present in compliance of orders of the Delhi High Court. The matter is pending consideration in the Supreme Court. Further action will be taken by the Government on receipt of the recommendation of the Medical Council of India in this regard.

[Translation]

Setting up of Medical Colleges in Uttar Pradesh

***200. Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar :** Will the Minister of Health and Family Welfare be pleased to state the names of the places in Uttar Pradesh where Medical Colleges are proposed to be set up during the Eighth Five Year Plan ?

The Minister of Health and Family Welfare (Shri M. L. Fotedar) : The Government of Uttar Pradesh have informed that owing to paucity of resources with the State Government, there is no proposal to set up Government Medical colleges anywhere in the State at present.

Ayurvedic Herbs around Chitrakoot District Banda

***201. Shri Rajendra Agnihotri :** Will the Minister of Health and Family Welfare be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government are aware of the presence of Ayurvedic herbs in and around Chitrakoot, District Banda of Bundelkhand region of Uttar Pradesh ;

(b) if so, whether any scheme has been drawn for identification and conservation of these herbs ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

The Minister of Health and Family Welfare (Shri M. L. Fotedar) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) : A Medico-Botanical Survey team from the Regional