

Setting up of Homoeopathic Dispensaries in Himachal Pradesh

4348. SHRI D. D. KHANORIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to set up Homoeopathic Dispensaries/hospitals in Himachal Pradesh under the Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS); and

(b) if so, the details of such Homoeopathic dispensaries/hospitals proposed to be set up during the Eighth Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI-MATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Availability of Medicinal Plants in Madhya Pradesh

4349. KUMARI UMA BHARTI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to develop Ayurvedic System of medicine;

(b) whether the Government are aware of the availability of medicinal plants in abundance in Chattarpur and Teikamgarh in Madhya Pradesh;

(c) whether the Government propose to open research centres attached to hospitals in districts;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI-MATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) The Government of

India is committed to encourage Ayurvedic and other Indian Systems of Medicine as a part of total health care delivery programme. Important steps initiated in this regard are: Improvement in quality of education; promotion of research; development of Medicinal Plants; laying of Pharmacopoeial standards; and provision of drug testing facilities.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Government is aware of availability of many kinds of Medicinal Plants in Chhattarpur and Teikamgarh in Madhya Pradesh.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Opening of research centres is based on priorities on and programmes of subjects of research. It is not feasible to start research centres attached to hospitals in all Districts.

Additional Educational Facilities for Women in Southern States

4350. SHRI R. RAMASAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether with a view to provide additional educational facilities for women in Southern States, Union Government propose to extend financial assistance to these States, particularly Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any time bound programme to provide education to all women has been chalked out; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) Through Centrally Sponsored Schemes Government have been providing financial assistance to State Governments, including Tamil Nadu, for imparting Non-Formal Education and adult literacy to women.