

(b) Does not arise.

(e) The present policy of the Government is not to approve the establishment of any new medical college in the country in view of large scale availability of qualified medical practitioners to meet country's health needs.

Approval to Ayurvedic Drugs

720. PROF. PREM DHUMAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether approval has been granted to a number of Ayurvedic proprietary drugs which were never tested clinically;

(b) if so, the names of such drugs approved under Ayurvedic stores of C.G.H.S., V.M.S. and P & T during 1990-91 and 1991-92, alongwith the report of clinical investigations made by the Central Drug Research Institute or any other authority;

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to check the marketing of the sub-standard drugs; and

(d) the action proposed to be taken against the erring officials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) and (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Tourism Development in Bareilly

[*Translation*]

721. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have finalised any scheme for providing assistance for development of spot for tourism in Bareilly and Badaun during the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the name of the places selected in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The Eighth Five Year Plan of the Central Department of Tourism is yet to be finalised.

(b) Does not arise.

Kendriya Vidyalaya in Backward Areas

[*English*]

722. DR. VISWANATHAM KANITHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to open the Kendriya Vidyalayas in backward areas particularly where there is no such school;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor alongwith the steps taken by the Government to provide equal opportunity to the backward students?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c). There is no system of opening Kendriya Vidyalayas on a district wise basis or with reference to the backward areas criteria. The opening of new Kendriya Vidyalayas depends upon the suitability of the proposals from the prescribed user agencies, especially presence of a cluster of employees of the Central Government and/or Central Government undertakings, availa-

bility of physical facilities and financial resources. The objective of Kendriya Vidyalayas Sangathan is primarily to serve the special educational needs of children of transferable Central Government and Central Government undertaking employees.

Closure of Indian Airlines and Air India

[*Translation*]

723. SHRI MOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Airlines and the Air India are likely to be closed down due to their continued losses; and

(b) the steps being taken by the Government to minimise the losses suffered by these Airlines?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) While Air India has not suffered any loss, Indian Airlines has incurred losses owing to problems basically regarding induction of A-320 fleet.

These problems have taken care of and additional measures are also being taken to improve productivity and efficiency of the Corporation. Indian Airlines is expected to turn the corners next year.

[*English*]

Direct Air Flight from Rajkot-Delhi and Back

724. SHRI CHANDRES PATEL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of representa-

tions have been received in his Ministry for starting a direct flight on Delhi-Rajkot route;

(b) if so, when the said flight is going to commence; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Due to capacity constraints, there is no plan at present to operate a direct flight between Delhi and Rajkot.

Fire In Gir Forests

725. SHRI P.M. SAYEED: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether fire broke out in Gir forests recently;

(b) if so, the reasons therefore;

(c) the extent of loss suffered in terms of financial as well as the percentage of the jungle burnt; and

(d) the steps taken to prevent such fires in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) There was a fire in Gir forests in October, 1991.

(b) The fire was accidental in nature.

(c) Information is being collected from the State Government and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) The steps taken to prevent fire include