

laser surgery based on latest Japanese/Russian/American techniques;

(b) if so, the details in this regard alongwith the names of the Government Hospitals in Delhi and other major cities where these facilities are available;

(c) whether C.G.H.S. beneficiaries can also avail those facilities available in private eye clinics/hospitals in the country on Government expenditure;

(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 (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Myopia is not curable but is corrected by spectacles and by a surgical technique namely Radial keratotomy. This technique was popularised by Russian ophthalmologists. In this technique surgery on the cornea is done either by Diamond knife or Excimer laser.

(b) Radial Keratotomy is performed routinely in cases of myopia in Russia, USA and Japan. In India this technique is practised in Government Hospitals like Dr. R.P. Centre for Ophthalmic Services, AIIMS, Guru Nanak Eye Centre, Delhi. The facility is available in hospitals of major cities and with private practitioners in Bombay Madras, Calcutta, Indore, Hyderabad, Bangalore, etc.

(c) to (e). If this treatment is recommended by C.G.H.S. specialists the beneficiaries can avail the facility from Government recognised/referral hospital.

Regional Offices of U.G.C.

970. SHRIMATI MAHENDRA KUMARI:
SHRIMATI RITA VERMA:

PROF. UMMAREDDY BANDARU:

DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up regional offices of the University Grants Commission;

(b) if so, location thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the progress made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c). UGCA has taken a decision in principle, to set up its regional offices in different parts of the country. No decision on the location of these offices has been taken.

Quality of Condoms

971. SHRI TARA CHAND KHANDELWAL:
SHRIGEORGE FERNANDES:

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

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item Captioned "Indian Condoms of poor quality WHO" appearing in the Indian Express dated January 7, 1992;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to improve the quality of condoms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY