

C.G.H.S. Doctors

3245. **Shri S. M. Banerjee:**
Shri Madhu Limaye:
Shri Sharda Nand:
Shri Bharat Singh Chauhan:
Shri Ranjit Singh:
Shri J. B. Singh:
Shri A. Sreedharan:
Shri D. C. Sharma:

Will the Minister of **Health and Family Planning** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the grievance of Central Government Health Service Doctors in Delhi have been met in full;

(b) if so, whether any agreement has been reached,

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the question of their transfer outside Delhi has been amicably settled?

The Minister of Health and Family Planning (Dr. S. Chandrasekhar):
 (a) to (d). All reasonable demands have been met and an agreement reached. A copy of the agreement is placed on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-747/67].

Inclusion of Banjaras in list of Scheduled Tribes

3246. **Shri George Fernandes:**
Shri J. H. Patel:
Shri Madhu Limaye:
Shri Sarjoo Pandey:
Shri Y. S. Kushwah:

Will the Minister of **Social Welfare** be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been representations from the leaders of the Banjara community to include the Banjaras in the list of Scheduled Tribes; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Minister of State in the Department of Social Welfare (Shrimati Phulrenu Guha): (a) Yes.

(b) The whole question of revision of lists of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes is under consideration.

Asian Flu Viruses

3247. **Dr. Karni Singh:**
Shrimati Nirlep Kaur:

Will the Minister of **Health and Family Planning** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to an article in the Life, Asia Edition magazine of the 6th March, 1967 re: the invention of a new drug to fight Asian Flu Viruses;

(b) when this drug would be ready for field application; and

(c) the part played by Dr. D. J. Bauer in India in helping the above invention and also another drug to smallpox virus?

The Minister of Health and Family Planning (Dr. S. Chandrasekhar):
 (a) Yes.

(b) Symmetrel, the generic name of which is Amantadine Hydrochloride, is the drug referred to in the said article. This drug is said to act on the outer membrane of the body cell where, as if forming a molecular barrier, it prevents the viruses from penetrating the cell. Clinical trials carried out on the drug are said to have proved the efficacy of the drug as a prophylactic against Asian Flu. It is not known as to whether the drug has been put to field application in the U.S.A. though it is stated in the above article that 'the drug is just going into the market' and the Federal Food and Drug Administration, U.S.A. have recognised the efficacy of the drug.

(c) The Government are not aware of the part, if any played by Dr. D. J. Bauer in India in helping the above invention. He had however, carried out some trials on the Chemoprophylactic value of another drug 'Marboran' in smallpox and has concluded