make recommendations for upgradation of five medical colleges in five zones of the country to make them into regional cenres of excelence in medical care. The Committee submitted its report in December, 1991 and had made recommendations for upgradation of five medical colleges. The Government, after careful consideration of all aspects of the matter, including the availability of resources, the likely impact of such a scheme including giving rise to similar demands from other States and constitutional responsibility of the Central Government in this regard, have decided not to include this scheme in the Eighth Five Year Plan.

[English]

Wheat Quota to Private Sector

3390. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have reduced the quota of wheat to the private sector in January, 1992;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the extend to which the supply and price of wheat have been affected as a result thereof; and

(d) the remedial steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The quantity of wheat sold in the open sale during January, 1992 was 1.07 lakh tonnes compared to 3.14 lakh tonnes sold in December, 1991.

(c) and (d). Whereas qualification cannot be done, open sale of wheat helped in moderating the rising trend of prices.

Expansion of Production Capacity of Sugar Mills

3391. SHRI P. G. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to expand the existing production capacity of sugar mills during the Eighth Plan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A target of licensed capacity of 198-76 lakh tonnes annual sugar production has been fixed for the terminal year of the Eighth Five Plan i. e. 1996-97 (October - September). No State-wise target has been fixed till yet.

Diesel Engine Factory in Mysore

3392. SHRIMATI CHANDRA PRABHA URS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the diesel engine factory at Mysore has started commercial production;

(b) if so, the production during 1991-92 (upto and of Dec '91);

(c) the number of employees working in the above factory;

(d) whether the installed capacity has been fully utilised; and

(e) if not, the percentage of utilisation of the installed capacity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) There is no Diesel engine manufacturing unit at Mysore. 415 Written Answers

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(b) to (e). Do not arise.

[Translation]

Allocation for Rural Education

3394. KUMARI UMA BHARTI: SHRI KESRI LAL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RE-SOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the amount allocation for the Rural Education Development Programme during each of the last three years, State-wise.

(b) whether the amount allocated is last than the amount earmarked for this purpose;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken to ensure release of the earmarked allocation and its proper utilization?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RE-SOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) There is no programme entitled Rural Education Development Programme. However, Centre has been assisting State Governments in Elementary Education and Alult Aducation Programmes. Under scheme such as the Operation Blackboard, Teacher Education and Adult literacy benefits predominantly accrue to the rural areas.

The assistance provided to various State is given in the Annual report 1990-91 of the Department of Education Part-I which was laid on the Table of the House.

- (b) No, Sir.
- (c) Does not arise.
- (d) The progress of expenditure is peri-

odically monitored.

Ganga Action Plan

3395. KUMARI UMA BHARTI: SHRI S. B. SIDNAI: SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL: KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI SINGH: SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the phases of the Ganga Action Plan completed, under execution and those yet to be taken up, project-wise and State-wise;

(b) the amount earmarked for each project with targets of completion and the results achieved, State-wise;

(c) the reasons for delay in execution of the Ganga Action Plan;

(d) the thrust areas of pollution in Ganga and the impact assessment of completed project; and

(e) the details of the bilateral/technical/ financial assistance received for the Ganga Action Plan from various sources?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FOR-ESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) 261 scheme have been sanctioned under Ganga Action Plan, 175 schemes have been completed so far and the remaining 86 schemes are in progress. State-wise and category-wise details of the scheme are given in the statement attached as statement-1.

(b) A list of completed schemes with their dates of completion and ongoing schemes with their target dates of comple-