

entry of unauthorized persons in Operation Theatres, Labour Rooms, Intensive Care Units, Burn Wards and other sensitive areas is being strictly enforced in the Hospitals.

Admission facilities for Medical Colleges .

3568. SHRI K. MALLANNA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is taking steps to ensure adequate admission facilities for medical students in various Medical Colleges of Delhi and in other States for the next academic session;

(b) whether lack of adequate admission facilities for medical students in various States generate numerous problems and discontent among the student community at the beginning or each academic session; and

(c) if so, the Government's plans to meet the situation on long term basis?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAJ NARAIN): (a) and (b). The medical colleges in Delhi affiliated to the Delhi University, namely (1) The Lady Hardinge Medical College and Hospital (2) Maulana Azad Medical College and (3) University College of Medical Sciences have a combined admission capacity of 410. Besides these, the All India Institute of Medical Sciences also admits fifty students for MBBS course through an all-India competitive entrance examination.

The existing medical colleges in India have a total admission capacity of about 12,500. This is adequate to meet the country's requirements.

(c) The Fifth Five year Plan does not visualise.

Korba Aluminium Plant

3569. SHRI BAPUSAHEB PARULEKAR: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased state:

(a) whether Government had entrusted to BALCO the responsibility of planning and constructing aluminium plants at Korba in M.P. and at Ratnagiri in Maharashtra in 1965 and while aluminium plant at Korba had already gone into production years back the work of construction of Ratnagiri plant has not yet commenced;

(b) whether in the revised estimate of Ratnagiri plant increase by two crores of rupees approximately has been shown by taking the electricity unit charges at nine paise per unit while Government of Maharashtra has promised to supply electricity at seven paise per unit; and

(c) when Government propose to start the construction of Aluminium Plant at Ratnagiri?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI BIJU PATNAIK): (a) The construction of the Korba Aluminium Project in M. P. and the Ratnagiri Aluminium Project in Maharashtra has been entrusted to BALCO. The first phase of the Korba Aluminium Smelter was Commissioned in May, 1975. Owing to financial constraints, work on the construction of the Ratnagiri Project has not been taken up.

(b) The capital cost estimate of the project does not depend on the power rate. In estimating the working results, a power rate has been assumed by BALCO on the basis of rationalised power tariff for aluminium smelters introduced as part of the integrated aluminium policy of July, 1975.

(c) The revised cost estimates of the Ratnagiri Project are under examination. Construction of the project can commence only after the required financial resources are available.