

### Setting up of more UNESCO Clubs

6915. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation clubs/Associations have made any significant headway during the past three years in the country;

(b) if so, the name of such institutions as are functioning at present State-wise;

(c) whether the Indian Commission for Cooperation with Nations Educational, Social and Cultural Organisation and the Government would encourage the setting up of more such clubs/associations in the country, especially in the States/regions not covered so far; and

(d) if so, the outline of any programme chalked out or assistance offered in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) and (b). Unesco clubs/associations are voluntary organisations set up at different university centres, educational and cultural institutions, etc., in the country to promote the aims and objectives of Unesco. These clubs/associations undertake activities aimed at dissemination of information about the programmes of UNESCO and also organise activities in the fields of education, science and culture to promote international understanding, cooperation and world peace.

Apart from the Indian National Commission for Unesco, there are three voluntary organisations, viz., United Schools Organisation of India; Indian Federation of Unesco Clubs; and National Federation of Unesco Associations in India, which are functioning as apex bodies to coordinate and guide the activities of Unesco Clubs at the national level. These organisations maintain their own lists of Unesco Clubs.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Unesco clubs/associations are exempted to run their activities and programmes from within their own resources and meet all their recurring expenditure from funds raised through their own efforts. However, partial

financial assistance is occasionally provided to them for approved activities such as seminars, symposia, conferences, training programmes, workshops, etc., on the subject of education for international understanding, education for human rights, teaching about problems of peace, study of cultures of different countries and other activities related to Unesco's programmes. The Indian National Commission regularly supplies publications and other material of interest to these clubs. Special kits and material is also sent to these clubs to enable them to celebrate such events as UN Day, Human Rights Day, Literacy Day, etc.

### Vacant Posts of Medical and Para Medical Personnel in Hospitals

6916. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that large number of posts of medical and Para medical personnel are lying vacant in hospitals run by the Central Government due to the ban on recruitment;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to exempt the essential services from the pervue of the ban orders; and

(c) if not, how does the Government propose to ensure proper and satisfactory medical facilities to the people ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) to (c). Even though there is a ban on recruitment, the immediate and inescapable requirements pertaining to the Ministry of Health are sympathetically considered by the Government and there is no difficulty due to the ban.

### Railway over-bridge at Bhimavaram (Andhra Pradesh)

6917. SHRI VIJAYA KUMAR RAJU : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal pending before the Railway Board to construct a railway over-bridge at Bhimavaram in Andhra Pradesh; and