

(c) to (e) According to the procedure prescribed for submission of applications by the voluntary organisations for grant-in-aid under the above scheme, requests should be submitted by the concerned organisations either to the Ministry through the State Government or to the Regional Officers concerned of the Central Hindi Directorate, (Ministry of Education) by the end of June. The applications so received by the Regional Officers are scrutinised by them and then placed before the respective State level Committees for consideration and recommendation. The requests along with the recommendations of the State level Committees are then forwarded by the Regional Officers to the Ministry for consideration by the Grants-in-aid Committee of the Ministry for approving quantum of grant for various projects/programmes submitted by the organisations.

Regarding grants to Zoram Hindi Prachar Samiti during 1984-85, the request along with the recommendation of the State level Committee was received only after the grant-in-aid Committee had considered the requests for grants during 1984-85. Moreover, the grant could not be considered due to non-settlement of accounts.

[Translations]

Polytechnics in Madhya Pradesh

3493. SHRI M. L. JHIKRAM: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of polytechnics in Madhya Pradesh:

(b) whether Government propose to open such colleges in each district of the State with a view to disseminate technical education:

(c) if so, the reasons for not opening so for a polytechnic in most backward Mandla district which is predominantly inhabited by adivasis; and

(d) whether priority will be given for opening polytechnic college in Mandla in the Seventh Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) at present there are 23 Polytechnics, in Madhya Pradesh,

(b) to (d) The All India Council for Technical Education at its meeting held in 1981 have recommended that proposals for establishment of new technical institutions may be considered provided that (i) these satisfy precise manpower requirements, (ii) institutions to be opened are in areas of emerging technologies and (iii) these are located either in areas of high employment potential, or in economically backward regions, and/or are meant for the weaker sections of the society. It could thus be seen that proposals from a State Government for opening of a Polytechnic in economically backward regions are duly encouraged and approved.

In accordance with the procedure, the project proposals received from a State Government for opening of a new Polytechnic are considered by an appropriate Expert Committee appointed by the respective Regional Committee of the Council. The recommendations of the Expert Committee alongwith the recommendations of the Regional Committee are then considered by the All India Council for Technical Education and the Ministry for approval. Proposals received from State Government are examined on merit and there is no fixed number of Polytechnics to be opened in each district of the State.

No proposal for opening a Polytechnic in Mandla district has been received from the Government of Madhya Pradesh.

[English]

Use of Chloromycin and Antibiotic Drugs

3494. SHRI ANAND SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that chloromycin and certain other anti-biotics and drugs use of which has been banned in various developing countries continue to be used freely in India;