

(b) whether Government propose to make any reservations in jobs for women and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government contemplate to take specific steps for ensuring and enforcing equality of status and opportunity for women and if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL AND WOMEN'S WELFARE (SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR) : (a) Yes, Sir. The proposed measures include integrating women into development programmes in all sectors such as providing greater opportunities for employment, greater access to education and vocational training, etc.

(b) No, Sir.

(b) The Constitution provides for equal opportunities for women and prohibits discrimination. The Equal Remuneration Act was passed; in 1976 to provide for the payment of equal remuneration to men and women for the same type of work and to prevent discrimination on the grounds of sex against women. State Governments and Union Territories have been addressed for stricter implementation of legislations affecting women.

Container Handling Complex at Calcutta Docks

704. SHRI R.P. DAS : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) what is the fate of the proposed container handling complex at the Calcutta Docks ; and

(b) the progress made so far, if any, in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI) : (a) and (b) : The proposal for provid-

ing container handling facilities at Calcutta Port at an estimated cost of Ra. 10.36 crores has since been sanctioned by the Government.

New Trains to be Introduced

705. SHRI LAKSHMAN MALLICK : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the number of new trains, route-wise, proposed to be introduced during the current financial year ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL) : There is no proposal at present to introduce any new passenger carrying train during the remaining period of current financial year viz. 1984-85.

Steps to Popularise Homoeopathic Treatment, Number and Location of Homoeopathic Hospitals in the Country

706. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number and location of homoeopathic hospitals functioning in the country ;

(b) the number of beds in each such hospital ;

(c) whether there is a great demand to open more homoeopathic hospitals in the country ; and

(d) if so, what is the Government's proposal to popularise the homoeopathic treatment in the country and to open more homoeopathic hospitals during the Seventh Plan period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) and (b) : As per information

available in this Ministry there are 120 homoeopathic hospitals with a total bed strength of 3,771 in the whole country on 1.4.1983.

(c) and (d) The demands for opening new hospitals are considered by the respective State Governments as opening of hospitals for providing health care is primarily a State subject.

For the development of homoeopathic treatment a sum of Rs. 1,175 lakhs has been proposed in the 7th five Year Plan in the Central Sector.

Number and Location of Ayurvedic Colleges in the Country

707. SHRI AMARSINH RATHAWA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number and location of ayurvedic colleges functioning in the country ;

(b) whether there is any hospital which is attached to an ayurvedic college, if so, the location and the number of beds in each such hospital ;

(c) whether it is a fact that this treatment is very popular in the rural areas of the country ; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to popularise this treatment and open more ayurvedic colleges in the country in near future ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) and (b) : As on 1.4.1983, ninety eight Ayurvedic Colleges were functioning in the country. The location of colleges, and of hospitals attached/linked to such colleges with number of beds in each hospital is given in the

statement laid on the table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-600/85].

(c) The treatment is popular in the rural areas, as well as in urban areas.

(d) A sum of Rs. 44.00 crores approximately has been proposed in the Central Sector in the Seventh Five Year Plan for the development of Ayurveda in the country. Opening of Ayurvedic Colleges is primarily a State Subject and as such is within the purview of respective State Governments.

Publication of Books in South Indian Languages by National Book Trust

708. SHRI G. VIJAYA RAMA RAO : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) Whether the National Book Trust is proposing to establish a branch at Bangalore to bring out books in South Indian Languages quickly;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) How many books, either original or translations, in South Indian languages are pending publication for want of press and other difficulties; and

(d) the number of books published so far by the National Book Trust, language-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) and (b) : Yes, Sir; the National Book Trust has already opened a Regional Office at Bangalore for the Southern region on 21st June, 1984. This regional office has been opened with a view to expediting the editing and printing of its publications in South Indian languages through close liaison with translators and language presses. This office will also be responsible for the sale and promotion of its publications as well