

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

as for organising book exhibitions, seminars, workshops and related book promotional activities in the region.

(c) The number of titles in south Indian languages pending publication as on 15th March, 1985 are as under :—

Telugu	:	54
Tamil	:	33
Kannada	:	27
Malayalam	:	50

(d) The number of titles, language-wise, published since the inception of the Trust in 1957 to February 1985 is as under :—

English	515
Hindi	485
Assamese	144
Bengali	215
Gujarati	175
Kannada	139
Marathi	184
Malayalam	111
Oriya	164
Punjabi	151
Tamil	146
Telugu	176
Urdu	231
Sanskrit	1
Sindhi	4
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Total	2841
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Cochin Shipyard to Manufacture Oil Tankers

709. PROF. RAMKRISHNA MORE : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Cochin Shipyard will be manufacturing oil tankers soon; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) :

(a) and (b) : The Shipping Corporation of India have placed a letter of intent on Cochin Shipyard Limited for construction of three oil tankers of 86000 DWT each. The specifications of these tankers have not yet been finalized.

Proposal Submitted by Cochin Shipyard for its Expansion

710. PROF. RAMKRISHNA MORE : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Cochin Shipyard has submitted any proposal to the Government for expansion in ship-building and ship-repairs etc.; and

(b) if so, the Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) :

(a) Certain proposals, for the expansion of its ship-building/ship-repair facilities, received from Cochin Shipyard Limited, were considered by the Working Group set up by Government for the formulation of VIIth Five Year Plan on Ship-building and Ship-repair industry.

(b) Since the content and size of the VIIth Plan are yet to be finalised, the picture will be clear only after finalisation of the overall VIIth Five Year Plan and the detailed economic and financial viability of such schemes.

Budge-Budge-Namkhana Rail Line

711. SHRI AMAL DATTA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :