

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI) : (a) None of the approved Polytechnics in the country conduct Diploma Course in Aircraft Maintenance Engineering. There are, however, nine privately managed institutions imparting training in Aircraft Maintenance Engineering.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The intake in each institute per year is approximately 60 and the total duration of the course is 2½ years.

(d) to (f) : The Government have no formal scheme to provide employment to these students. They are eligible to take examination conducted by Director General of Civil Aviation for the issue of licence in Aircraft Maintenance Engineering after completion of their training and practical experience. They normally get absorbed by the airlines and other aircraft operators.

[English]

#### Deaths due to Meningitis

7530. SHRIMATI SHEILA DIKSHIT : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) names of the cities where meningitis has been detected in an epidemic form ; and

(b) the number of cases detected and the number of deaths due to meningitis during the last six months in each city ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) and (b) : The Government do not compile city-wise information regarding the morbidity and mortality figures pertaining to any disease. Such figures are usually collected state-wise. According to the figures compiled so far, high incidence of Meningitis has been reported from the Union Territory of Delhi, Maharashtra, Gujarat and Jammu and Kashmir. The incidence and mortality figures of these States and Union Territories during 1985 and 1986 are as under :

Name	Incidence		Mortality	
	1985	1986	1985	1986
Delhi	5,658	1,535	697	160
Maharashtra	1,573	432	338	29
Gujarat	191	165	43	45
J & K	9	29	—	7

#### Norms for Selection of Districts under Indian Population Project

7531. SHRI I. RAMA RAI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the norms adopted in the selection of Districts under Indian Population Project (I.P.P.) ;

(b) which are the Districts selected in Kerala under this project ; and

(c) what are the facilities provided to these districts ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNAKUMAR) : (a) Districts for Indian Population Projects were selected in consultation with the State Governments keeping in view the following factors :—

(i) areas with high density of population ;

(ii) areas having high percentage of economically weaker sections of the community ;

(iii) areas with high mortality rate accompanied by high infant and maternal mortality ;

(iv) districts which have shown moderate performance in the past and where the potential for greater acceptance exists ;

(v) districts which are representative of the whole State and where the success of the programme can set an example for the other districts within the State.