

Setting up of Homoeopathic Dispensaries in Himachal Pradesh

4348. SHRI D. D. KHANORIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to set up Homoeopathic Dispensaries/hospitals in Himachal Pradesh under the Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS); and

(b) if so, the details of such Homoeopathic dispensaries/hospitals proposed to be set up during the Eighth Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI-MATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Availability of Medicinal Plants in Madhya Pradesh

4349. KUMARI UMA BHARTI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to develop Ayurvedic System of medicine;

(b) whether the Government are aware of the availability of medicinal plants in abundance in Chattarpur and Teikamgarh in Madhya Pradesh;

(c) whether the Government propose to open research centres attached to hospitals in districts;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI-MATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) The Government of

India is committed to encourage Ayurvedic and other Indian Systems of Medicine as a part of total health care delivery programme. Important steps initiated in this regard are: Improvement in quality of education; promotion of research; development of Medicinal Plants; laying of Pharmacopoeial standards; and provision of drug testing facilities.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Government is aware of availability of many kinds of Medicinal Plants in Chhattarpur and Teikamgarh in Madhya Pradesh.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Opening of research centres is based on priorities on and programmes of subjects of research. It is not feasible to start research centres attached to hospitals in all Districts.

Additional Educational Facilities for Women in Southern States

4350. SHRI R. RAMASAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether with a view to provide additional educational facilities for women in Southern States, Union Government propose to extend financial assistance to these States, particularly Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any time bound programme to provide education to all women has been chalked out; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) Through Centrally Sponsored Schemes Government have been providing financial assistance to State Governments, including Tamil Nadu, for imparting Non-Formal Education and adult literacy to women.

(c) and (d) The National Policy on Education 1986 envisages that by 1995 all children will be provided free and compulsory education upto 14 years of age. The NPE gives high priority to promotion of women's education.

In most of the States, education is free upto class 12 for girls. Further, many States are also providing incentives such as uniform, free supply of textbooks etc.

[*Translation*]

Allotment of Houses by DDA to Ex-MPs

4351. SHRI SIMON MARANDI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme is pending with the Government regarding allotment of houses to the Ex-MPs by the Delhi Development Authority;

(b) whether the Government propose to allot residential accommodation to all the Ex-MPs; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and when such Ex-MPs are likely to be allotted accommodation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The matter is under examination.

Indian Students Getting Higher Education Abroad

4352. SHRI VISWANATH SHASTRI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Indian students receiving higher education abroad at present; and

(b) the number of students getting scholarship from the respective Gov-

ernments abroad and number of students getting scholarship from the Union Government?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) As per the latest available statistical data collected by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, 3489 Indian students went abroad during 1986-87. No statistics regarding the total number of students, who are receiving higher education abroad at any point of time are available. 499 Indian students nominated by the Department of Education or the University Grants Commission are currently pursuing their studies abroad, out of which 418 students are getting scholarships from the respective donor countries under bilateral or multilateral programmes administered by the Department of Education or the University Grants Commission, and 81 students are getting scholarships from Government of India (Department of Education). Additional information is being collected from the Ministry of Welfare and the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the same will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

[*English*]

Aids Through Blood Transfusion

4353. SHRI P. M. SAYEED: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "Two kids contact AIDS through blood transfusion" appearing in Indian Express dated July 28, 1991;

(b) whether the two boys were found free of AIDS viruses before their admission in the Medical College Hospital Rohtak;

(c) the sources from which the blood was acquired before transfusion; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to ensure that the blood is examined