THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) No proposal in this regard has so far been sponsored by the State Government, duly consenting to bear the cost, as per rules.

(b) Does not arise.

## Primary Health Centres and Sub-Centres in H.P.

3081. SHRI K.D.SULTANPURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any request has been made by the Himachal Pradesh Government to the Union Government to open primary health centres and sub-centres in the State; and
- (b) if so, the funds provided by the Union Government to the State Government for this purpose during the last one and a half year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes, Sir. As per the request of the Himachal Pradesh Government and their discussion with the Planning Commission 25 Primary Health Centres in 1990-91 and 5 in 1991-92 were approved.

No target for sub-centre establishment, however, could be alloted to the State due to financial constraints.

(b) The fund for establishment of Primary Health Centre is released by the Planning Commission to the States directly under State Sector Maximum Needs Programme (MNP). Funds alloted to Himachal Pradesh under Health Sector of MNP were Rs. 541.00 lakhs during 1990-91 and Rs. 775.00 lakhs during 1991-92. No funds have

been released to any State for opening subcentre due to financial constraints.

# Disappearance of Sura Victims

3082. SHRI MUMTAZ ANSARI:Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a number of sura victims are alleged to have disappeared mysteriously from the Hindu Rao Hospital, Delhi recently; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to trace them out?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b) Municipal Corporation of Delhi have reported that 11 victims of sura poisoning absconded from Hindu Rao Hospital. Details of which are as under:

- Ramsewak, s/o Vijay, r/o Jahangirpuri
- 2. Unknown
- 3. Bhagwati Prasad s/o Durga Prasad r/o Jahangirpuri
- 4. Paramjeet s/o Surinder r/o Jahangir puri
- Narinder s/o Nathu Singh r/o Adarsh Nagar
- 6. Suraj s/o Mayur r/o Adarsh Nagar
- Hari Prasad s/o Veerbal, r/o Balsawa
- 8. Chander Shekhar, s/o Amir Chand r/oHaidepur
- 9. Unknown

 Suresh Kumar s/o Bansi Ram r/o Mukhimpuri

#### 11. Unknown

Police post located in the Hospital causality to deal with Medico-legal cases, was promptly informed about these patients for further necessary action.

### Setting up of Gram Vidyapeeths

3083. SHRI HARISINH CHAVDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DE-VELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to launch a scheme for setting up of Gram Vidyapeeths in rural areas for the development of height education;
- (b) the number of Gram Vidyapeeths functioning at present in the country;and
- (c) the extent grants the Union Government propose to provide to new Gram Vidyapeeths during this year and next year?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RE-SOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c) The National Policy on Education, 1986 envisages establishment of Rural Institutes/Universities on the lines of Mahatma Gandhi's ideas of education. In pursuance of this, a Central Council of Rural Institutes is proposed to be set up for implementation of well co-ordinate programme of development of Rural Institutes. The proposed Council would identify rural institutes and other agencies engaged in Gandhian Basic Education and help them in their development and would also encourage development of new institutions through financial and other assistance.

According to information available in the Department, there are 55 Institutions in

rural higher education. These include Deemed to be Universities also.

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### Foot Overbidge at Chalakudy

3084. PROF. (SMT.) SAVITHRI LA-KSHMAHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is an proposal to constrict foot overbridge in place of the level crossing gate (closed) at Chalakudy, Trichur district: and
  - (b) if so, the facts in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

# The UN Decade for Cultural Development Programme

3085. SHRI ANNA JOSHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVEL-OPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether "The UN Decade for Cultural Development" programme of UNESCO (United Nation Educational, Scientific and Cultural organisation) is being observed in the country;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof:
- (c) whether any specific body/commission has been set up to organise the programme;
  - (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the non-governmental organisation have been requested to co-operate in this regard;