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2. Siddhartha Medical College, Tumkur.
3. Al-Ameen Medical College, Bijapur.

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Financial Assistance to Sanjay Gandhi Post Graduate Institute, Lucknow

2320. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal for providing financial assistance to the Sanjay Gandhi Post-Graduate Institute, Lucknow is under consideration of the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKAR-ANAND): (a) and (b). The Institute has submitted a proposal for seeking external assistance for equipment and training.

(c) The possibility of obtaining external assistance is being explored.

Cat Scan in Swami Dayanand Hospital, Shahadra

2321. SHRI BALRAJ PASSI:
SHRI DEVI BUX SINGH:
DR. SUDHIR RAY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CAT Scan machine in Swami Dayanand Hospital in Shahadra is yet to be operated;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to make the CAT Scan operational?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKAR-ANAND): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. The Municipal Corporation of Delhi have informed that the installation work is in progress and is likely to be completed in July, 1993. Steps have also been taken to have the staff and doctors trained before the installation is completed.

Upliftment of Backwards and Minorities

2322. SHRI ASLAM SHER KHAN: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any scheme for the upliftment of the backward classes and minorities during the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b). A National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation with an authorised share capital of Rs. 200 crores has been set up with the objective of providing and additional chance of finance to and assisting in upgrading the technological and entrepreneurial skills of the Socially and Educationally Backward Classes. The Corporation is presently implementing two schemes for grant of Margin money and term loans through the State level Backward Classes Corporations to the members of Backward Classes as notified by the various State Governments whose income is below the double poverty line.

In respect of minorities, there is no separate scheme for their upliftment. However, the Government has formulated a

scheme for Pre-Examination Coaching/training for weaker sections based on economic criteria including minorities for implementation during the Eighth Five Year Plan. The scheme provides for coaching/training for various competitive/entrance examinations for candidates belonging to weaker sections including minorities to compete on equal terms.

[English]

New National Health Policy

2323. SHRI VIJAY NAVAL PATIL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated a new National Health Policy for the Eighth Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof;

(c) whether the manpower development and manpower planning in National Health Policy has not received adequate attention in the past;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) the efforts made to provide adequate planning and development of manpower for 'Health for All' programme by the turn of this century; and

(f) the policy of the Government towards privatisation of medical and para-medical education and improving the standards of education and providing adequate facilities for specialised post-graduate education in emerging areas?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B.SHANKARANAND): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The efforts inter-alia include identification of gaps that exist in the availability of medical manpower, modifying the curriculum of the trainees to bring it in tune with the current health requirements, promoting avenues for continuing medical education capable of rendering quality services.

(f) Two Ordinances were promulgated on 27th August, 1992 and re-promulgated on 2nd January, 1993 which set out the standards to be provided and maintained by New Medical/Dental Colleges or when existing colleges increase the intake or introduce a new course of study. The Ordinances are sought to be replaced by Bills in the Present Session of Parliament and apply to private institutions also.

[Translation]

Lignite found in Rajasthan

2324. SHRI MANPHOOL SINGH: Will the minister of COAL be pleased to state;

(a) the places in Rajasthan where lignite has been found with quantity and quality thereof at each place; and

(b) the steps taken to explore it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT PANJA):

(a) About 870 million tonnes (geological reserves) of lignite deposits are estimated to be available in Bikaner, Barmer and Nagaur districts of Rajasthan as per the details given below: