

issued in their favour.

(c); No, Sir.

(d); Does not arise.

[English]

### Eye Banks

700. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of eye-banks in the country;

(b) the steps taken to strengthen the work-

ing of such banks; and

(c) the number of cornea transplantation cases undertaken in the country during each of the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) At present there are 88 functional eye banks in the country.

(b) Government provides financial assistance to Voluntary organisations for strengthening of eye bank facilities.

(c) The reported Cases of Corneal transplant are as under:

	Year		
	1990	1991	1992
i) Eyes donated	7467	8651	12519
ii) Utilised	3089	3989	4310

### Welfare of Today Tappers

701. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARARAO VADDE: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce any scheme for the protection and welfare of Toddy Tappers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the assistance proposed to be provided in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) (a); Prohibition being a State subject it is for the State Government to take action relating to introduction of any scheme for the protection and welfare of toddy tappers.

(b) and (c): Does not arise.

### Regional Institute of Unani Medicines

702. SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of such Institutes having no permanent building of its own for better functioning and services to the patients;

(b) whether large number of class IV and III employees are serving on temporary roster in the reserved category; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to regularise them?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) All Regional Research institutes except Central Research, Institute, Hyderabad are functioning in the building provided by the State