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### Medical Seats for Foreign Students

1247. SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has recently directed the Union Government to reconsider its decision of reserving 50% seats in recognised private medical colleges for foreign students;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c), The Supreme Court in the judgement dated 7th October, 1993 have restricted the admission of foreigners and N.R.Is to 15% of the total intake. The State Governments and concerned private medical colleges have to implement the Court's orders.

[*Translation*]

### Indoor Patients

1248. SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM:

SHRI RAJESH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state that the details of the amount allocated

and being spent everyday on an indoor patient in the Government hospitals, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): The expenditure on an in-patient per day in Central Government Hospitals varies between Rs.300.00 (for General Hospitals) and Rs.930.00 (for a super-speciality Hospital). No such details are available in respect of State Government Hospitals.

[*English*]

### Coal Production

1249. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the production of coal from different coal fields in Orissa during each of the last three years;

(b) the production of coal after Mahanadi Coal Field Limited came into being;

(c) the steps taken to increase the production of coal in Orissa;

(d) the target set for the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(e) the steps taken to achieve the target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b), Mahanadi Coalfields Limited came into being on 3.4.1992. Coalfieldwise, production of coal in Orissa

during last three years was as under:

Coalfield	(million tonnes) Coal Production		
	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93 (Provisi- onal)
IB Valley	6.11	6.90	7.81
Talcher	10.15	13.80	15.33
TOTAL	16.26	20.70	23.14

(c) Steps taken to augment coal production, *inter-alia*, include opening of new mines, modernisation of existing mines, application of new technologies to optimise production and ensuring timely availability of inputs and infrastructural facilities.

(d) and (e). The target of coal production for the terminal year of 8th Five Year Plan is 308 million tonnes. This target is proposed to be achieved by production from existing mines, on-going projects as well as the new projects to be undertaken in the public and the private sectors.

#### **Prices of Lubricants**

1250. SHRI V. SREENIVASA  
PRASAD:

SHRI TARA CHAND  
KHANDELWAL:

SHRI G. DEVARAYA NAIK:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Public Sector Undertakings have raised the prices of price-controlled lubes;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the increase in prices is going to discourage the multi-national companies to enter the country; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA): (a) to (d). Consequent to the lifting of the price control on sale of lubricants the Public Sector Undertakings have raised the prices of lubes recently so as to compensate for the various costs and margins and also to provide additional incentives to their dealers. The recent increase is not likely to discourage the multi-national companies who are already marketing their products, as prices are determined by market conditions.

[*Translation*]

#### **Acupuncture System**

1251. SHRI MAHESH KANODIA:  
SHRI SATYA DEO SINGH:  
SHRIMATI BHAVNA  
CHIKHLIA:

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

(a) whether the Government are aware that acupuncture is a successful system among the Naturopathy systems of medical treatment; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to make acupuncture more effective?