

[English]

Primary Health Centres

4230. SHRI SUDHR SAWANT : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Primary Health Centres established in Maharashtra during 1993-94 and 1994-95;

(b) whether the doctors working under Ayurveda and Homoeopathy schemes have been integrated in rural health schemes; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : (a) The number of Primary Health Centres established in Maharashtra during 1993-94 and 1994-95 is indicated below :

1993-94	-	1
1994-95	-	13

(b) and (c). Some State Governments have posted additional ayurvedic/homoeopathic doctors at PHCs to support the allopathic services.

[Translation]

Khadi Movement

4231. SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM :
SHRI RAJESH KUMAR :
SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to accelerate the Khadi Movement keeping in view the economic conditions of the country; and

(b) if so, the steps taken proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In order to promote production of Khadi, Government has taken several measures through the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC). Following are some of the steps taken :

- Introduction of High speed Charkhas and 8 spindle Charkhas to augment the production per artisan,
- Setting up of six more central silver plants,
- Enlistment of new institutions,
- Revitalisation of sick and problematic institutions,

- Opening of avenues for export of Khadi,
- Improving the design and quality of Khadi,
- Introduction of improved looms,
- Increasing the wages of spinners and weavers thereby increasing the productivity,
- Supply of quality raw materials,
- Opening of new Bhavans/Bhandars, sales counter for marketing of Khadi production, etc.

Acupuncture

4232. SHRI SATYA DEO SINGH :
SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY .
SHRI RAMPAL SINGH :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether incurable diseases like AIDS and cancer can be treated through acupuncture;

(b) if so, whether the Government have conducted any research in this regard; and

(c) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : (a) No, Sir.

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

[English]

Closure of Projects

4233. SHRI RAM KAPSE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have closed down certain projects belonging to the Ministry of Science and Technology;

(b) if so, the details of these projects and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for rehabilitation of the employees retrenched due to the closure of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND DEPARTMENT OF SPACE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) to (c). S&T projects provide opportunities for researchers to undertake original work. This experience is in itself invaluable in terms of skill development. The duration for which the project personnel can be engaged is clearly limited by the duration of the project.