

### Medical Facility to Rural People

5254. SHRI RAM NIHOR RAI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the cost of medicines and surgery are beyond the reach of rural people;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to make possible the cost of medicines and surgery within the reach of rural people;

(c) whether the Government propose to establish Co-operative Medical Centres/Hospitals to provide cheap medical facilities to the rural people; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : (a) and (b). Free Medical treatment including supply of medicines and surgical services are provided to the rural people through a network of Community Health Centres, Primary Health Centres and Sub-centres.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The question does not arise.

### Armymen in UN Assistance Mission

5255. DR. VASANT NIWRUTTI PAWAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of personnel sent to Rwanda to join UN assignment for peace keeping mission; and

(b) the time upto which the above personnel are likely to work with the mission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) A total of 952 Indian personnel (all ranks) have been deployed in the UN Peace Keeping Mission in Rwanda, UNAMIR II.

(b) The personnel have been initially deployed since Nov-Dec 1994 for a period of six months as per the UNAMIR's mandate, subject to its review and renewal by the UN Security Council.

### Ayurvedic University

5256. DR. K.V.R. CHOWDARY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has submitted a proposal for establishment of an Ayurvedic University at Nandyal in Andhra Pradesh under centrally sponsored scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have agreed to sanction the above project;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The total cost of the proposal is Rs. 24 crore approximately. The State Government has proposed to provide 200 acres of land for the purpose. In addition to the P.G. course in Ayurveda, the proposed university would provide affiliation to some existing Ayurveda Colleges. The proposed university would also provide degree course in Ayurveda pharmacy, and would have colleges in Ayurveda Nursing and Ayurveda Dentistry. A 500 bedded hospital with advanced facilities for surgery are also proposed.

(c) to (e). A separate Ayurvedic University can be set up only under the Act of State Government. Under the present policy, the Central Government can provide assistance for the development of PG level education. The State Government, however, will have to fund the GS level of education and other schemes under the proposal.

### Hindi Speaking States

5257. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA . Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the four Hindi Speaking States account for 40% of the population and 47% of the Birth;

(b) if so, the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(c) the target fixed for Eighth Plan and the achievements made so far?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : (a) According to 1991 census, four Hindi Speaking States of Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh accounted for 39.7% of India's population. The number of live births in these States estimated by Sample Registration System accounted for 48.4% of total births in India in 1993.

(b) Under the Social Safety Net Scheme additional financial support is being given to 90 demographically poor performing districts to strengthen infrastructure. Out of these 90 districts, as many as 83 are in the four Hindi Speaking States. Area Projects with World Bank/ USAID assistance are also under implementation in these States.

(c) The Eighth Plan aimed at achieving Birth Rate of 26 (per 1000 population) and Infant Mortality Rate of 70 (per 1000 live births) by 1997. As per latest available Sample Registration System estimates for the year 1993, the Birth Rate is 28.7 and IMR is 74.