

[Translation]

Road Safety Devices

3610. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have stipulated that all four-wheel vehicles are manufactured with the minimum of road safety devices;

(b) whether any meeting has been held with vehicle manufacturers to enhance safety devices; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DR. C. SILVERA) : (a) Yes, Sir. Vehicle manufacturers are required to meet safety requirements as prescribed under the Motor Vehicles Act.

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. A meeting was recently held with vehicle manufacturers and other concerned organisations relating to introduction of power steering in commercial vehicles. The view emerged in the meeting was that power steering be made a mandatory requirement in commercial vehicles for city driving and hilly regions.

[English]

Medical Students

3611. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of medical students studying in Russia as well as Central Asian State, country-wise during the current academic year;

(b) the range of tuition fees charged by the teaching institutions in those countries;

(c) the estimated expenditure on lodging and boarding and other expenses per student;

(d) the estimated annual outlay on the education of these students in the USA;

(e) the method of selection of these students for the medical course against scholarship, if any offered by those countries and the institutions concerned as financing students;

(f) whether exodus of medical students is due to non-availability of adequate facilities in our country; and

(g) whether the medical degrees received by these students in recognised by the authorities concerned in our country for specialisation as well as for medical practice?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY) : (a) to (d). No such information is available. As per the agreement signed between the

Russian State Committee for Higher Education and the Ministry of Human Resource Development (Department of Education) on 17.11.94 on education of Indian students in Russian Federation on full compensation basis, the Russian side sought US\$ 3000 per student per year to cover education expenses of medical students.

(e) There are several routes which students are using for going to Russia for joining medical courses. The Ministry of Health and Medical Industry of Russia, the Russian Federation State Committee for Higher Education and individual universities in Russia are recruiting students through several agencies in India. The Ed. C.I.L. is recruiting students as per the agreement signed by Department of Education.

(f) No, Sir.

(g) Some of these medical qualifications are recognised medical qualifications as per medical Council Act, 1956.

World Bank Project

3612. SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHY :
SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAIISI :

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

(a) whether the Union Government have revived the World Bank Project in which a rupee 700 crore aid was to be provided by the World Bank;

(b) if so, whether the World Bank has proposed to give the loan of Rs. 700 crores to Maharashtra at a very low rate of interest;

(c) if so, whether the Union Ministers intervention has helped in reviving this project; and

(d) the main features of this project and the time by which it is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY) : (a) to (d). The State Government of Maharashtra has submitted a Rs. 670.00 Crore Project for the upgradation of the District Health Systems and to improve health care delivery.

The Project has since been posed for World Bank assistance; the appraisal of the project would be as per procedures set out by the Bank.

CGHS Dispensary

3613. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Senior Specialists in CGHS, Delhi working in same place for more than twelve years;