

Production Committee in its report has estimated the nursing manpower requirement by 2001 A.D. as 6.46 Lakhs.

4.49 lakhs Nurses have been registered by the Council upto end of 1993.

The Central Government has sanctioned 10 new nursing schools during 1994-95 and 1995-96 and supported the upgradation of schools also.

Gauge Conversion

3685. SHRI LALIT ORAON : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to reply given to US Q.No. 2055 on March 28,1995 and state :

(a) whether the Government have received survey report regarding gauge conversion of Railway line between Ranchi-Lohardaga and extending it to Tori in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details of the report; and

(c) if not, by when it is expected to be received?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI) : (a) to (c). The survey for conversion of Ranchi-Lohardaga (69 Kms.) NG line to BG and extension to Tori (44 Kms.) has been taken up and the survey report is expected by 30.6.96.

Small Industries Development Organisation

3686. SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Extension Centres of Small Industries Development Organisation in Kerala have been closed down; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

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) On a review of certain activities performed by SIDO (Small Industries Development Organisation), it was decided not to spread activities of SIDO thinly and to close down, low tech./non-performing all extension centres (37 nos.), including the Extension Centres in Kerala. These Centres were closed after making a take over offer to the State Government.

Indigenous System of Medicine

3687. SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the sector-wise investment made for research and development in Allopathy, Homoeopathy, Ayurved,

Unani and other indigenous systems of medicine in the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether the Government have evolved any projection for such investments in the next three years; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. R. ANTULAY) : (a) to (c). The funds allocated for research in allopathy viz. modern medicine by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) during the last three years are indicated in the enclosed statement. Research activities in the subsequent years will be further strengthened within the resources available.

Information in respect of the ISM & Homoeopathy is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

STATEMENT

Plan Expenditure on Research in Allopathy by ICMR

1992-93	Rs. 3,227.95 lakhs
1993-94	Rs. 2,453.29 lakhs
1994-95	Rs. 3,613.51 lakhs

National Malaria Eradication Programme

3688. SHRI DHARMANNA MONDAYYA SADUL : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the total grant-in-aid provided to the States as Central Assistance under National Malaria Eradication Programme in tribal areas during the last three years; and

(b) the requests of the States pending clearance in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY) : (a) For implementation of the National Malaria Eradication Programme (NMEP) the following Central Assistance has been provided to the State Governments under the Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) during the last 3 years :-

Year	(Rs. in Crores)
1992-93	11.9
1993-94	13.4
1994-95	15.4

(b) No requests of State Governments are pending clearance.