

Colleges. Besides, Delhi University, being a prestigious institution, attracts students from all over the country. As almost every student applies for admission to more than one course and in more than one college simultaneously, the number of students who applied for admission and the number of those who have not been able to secure it cannot be stated precisely. However, as in the previous years, the University should be in a position to accommodate almost all the eligible candidates in the Colleges, the Non-Collegiate Women's Education Board, the School of Correspondence Courses and Continuing Education and the External Candidates Cell.

#### Relations with Neighbouring Countries

1277. SHRI RAJESH RANJAN Alias PAPPU YADAV: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any comprehensive action plan has been chalked out or being chalked out to strengthen further relations with neighbouring countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government are contemplating to convene an all party meeting to formulate an action plan with a view to strengthen relations with these countries;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) and (b). Government accords highest priority to sustaining and further strengthening relations with our neighbours and is committed to expanding cooperation with them in all spheres of bilateral relations. Action plans are prepared annually for each neighbouring country which take into consideration past performance and future scope.

(c) to (e). There is a national consensus on the above policy approach and Government is in regular touch with all sections of public opinion about further improving and deepening relations with all our neighbours.

[English]

#### Engineering College in D.A. University

1278. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have accorded sanction to start an Engineering College in Devi Ahilyabai University from the current Academic Session; and

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be started and the details of courses, proposed to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) and (b). The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has accorded a conditional approval to Devi Ahilyabai University for establishment of the Institute of Engineering and Technology to conduct 4 years degree courses in Computer Engineering, Electronics and Instrumentation Engineering and Mechanical Engineering with an intake capacity of 60 students each for the session 1996-97.

#### Admission in Medical Colleges

1279. SHRI GULAM RASOOL KAR : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state the number of students of Jammu and Kashmir who have been given admission in different medical colleges of the country during the last three years. Medical College-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : The Government have no information about number of students from Jammu and Kashmir state who have got admission in different medical colleges of the country. However, 29 MBBS seats were allocated to Jammu and Kashmir state from out of the Central Pool during 1993-94 and 1994-95. college-wise details are given in the given Statement.

#### STATEMENT

*Allocation of MBBS seats to the State of Jammu and Kashmir from out of the Central Pool.*

1993-94 Session		
S.No.	Name of the College	Number of seats
1	2	3
<b>Delhi</b>		
1.	Lady Hardinge Medical College, New Delhi	3 (three)
2.	Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi	1 (one)
<b>Bihar</b>		
3.	Rajendra Medical College, Ranchi	2 (two)
4.	Nalanda Medical College, Patna	2 (two)
<b>Haryana</b>		
5.	Medical College, Rohtak	1 (one)
<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>		
6.	Medical College, Bhopal	3 (three)
7.	Medical College, Jabalpur	2 (two)

1	2	3
<b>Maharashtra</b>		
8.	Govt. Medical College, Aurangabad	: 1 (one)
9.	S.R. T.R. Medical College, Ambajogi	: 1 (one)
10.	Dr. V.M. Medical College, Solapur	: 1 (one)
11.	Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences, Wardha.	: 2 (two)
<b>Kerala</b>		
12.	Medical College, Prichur	: 2 (two)
<b>Rajasthan</b>		
13.	Medical College, Ajmer	: 1 (one)
14.	Medical College, Jaipur	: 2 (two)
<b>Himachal Pradesh</b>		
15.	Indira Gandhi Medical College, Shimla	: 2 (two)
<b>West Bengal</b>		
16.	C.N. Medical College, Calcutta	: 1 (one)
<b>Pondicherry</b>		
17.	Jawaharlal Institute of Post-Graduate Medical Education and Research, Pondicherry.	: 1 (one)
Total		28 (twenty eight)
<i>1994-95 Session</i>		
<b>Delhi</b>		
1.	Lady Hardinge Medical College, New Delhi	: 1 (one)
Total		1 (one)

#### Good Offices of Sri Lanka

1280. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI :  
DR. RAMKRISHAN KUSMARIA :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Pakistan has sought good offices of Sri Lankan President to bring India and Pakistan to the negotiating table as reported in the Hindustan Times dated June 8, 1996;

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

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) Yes, Sir, The Sri Lankan Foreign Minister during his discussions with the External Affairs Ministers in Delhi on June 20, 1996 mentioned that the Pakistani Foreign Minister, while on a visit to Colombo, had asked

Sri Lanka to convey a message to India on Pakistan's willingness to resume dialogue with India. The Lankan Foreign Minister added that his country had no presumption of mediating but had only agreed to convey the message from the Pakistani Foreign Minister as long as Lanka had good relations with both India and Pakistan.

(b) The Sri Lankan Foreign Minister was informed that India would stick to the bilateral path in Indo-Pak relations and India was awaiting a response to our offer of a comprehensive and wide ranging dialogue on all issues of mutual concern as contained in Prime Minister's message to the Prime Minister of Pakistan.

[Translation]

#### Ranchi University as Central University

1281. SHRI LALIT ORAON : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to convert Ranchi University (Bihar) into a Central University;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) Does not arise.

(b) The National Policy on Education - 1986, with modifications undertaken in 1992, states that, in view of the need to effect an all-round improvement in higher institutions, it is proposed that, in the near future, the main emphasis will be on the consolidation of, and expansion of facilities in, the existing institutions.

#### Pak's Defence Outlay

1282. JUSTICE GUMAN MAL LODHA :  
PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Pak's defence outlay and its nuclear programme is creating imbalance of military power in the South Asian region;

(b) if so, whether the Government have taken any steps to deal with the matter with other neighbouring countries of the region;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) to (c). Pakistan's high level of defence spending, acquisition of sophisticated arms and weapons oriented nuclear programme are not conducive to peace and security on the region. Government has