

Udaipur (West Zone), Allahabad (North Central Zone), Dimapur (North East Zone) and Nagpur (South Central Zone).

**Seventh World Congress of Sexology in
Delhi**

2601. DR. V. VENKATESH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Seventh World Congress of Sexology was held in Delhi in November, 1985;

(b) what were the main subjects discussed at the Congress;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Congress deliberations were held in camera and Press was refused entry;

(d) whether it is also a fact that a number of foreigners were invited to participate and address the Congress; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main subjects for discussion were : Sex Education, Sexuality in health and illness, Emergent dimension of sexology, Scope of introduction of sex education in Medical Colleges and Contribution of Sexology to Family Planning.

(c) to (e) The President of Congress has informed that the Congress was attended by about 700 delegates out of which 50% were foreigners. Delegates were from different specialities like Cardiology, Urology, Gynaecology, Medicine, Law, Education, Journalism, etc. The plenary session was open to all. There were other sessions/workshops, where discussions were limited to delegates only. A workshop was also held on the last day of the Conference for the members of the press which were attended by about 70 people.

[*Translation*]

**Research work in Science Policy Centre
of Jawahar Lal Nehru University**

2602. SHRI RAJ KUMAR RAI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the fact that about one lakh rupees are being spent annually on each student of the Policy Centre of Jawaharlal Nehru University and no important research work has been done there so far in this field; and

(b) the concrete steps being taken by Government to check wasteful expenditure and to ensure that research work is conducted there smoothly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) : (a) and (b) It was felt that the Centre for Studies in Science Policy had ceased to be a viable academic unit. The Executive Council, therefore, decided in February, 1980 that the Centre, as an administrative structure, be suspended until such time as the need for reviving it manifests itself. However, the students who had been registered earlier had continued their research for M. Phil/Ph.D Degrees. It has been decided by the University to revive the academic programmes of the Centre in phases and to strengthen them. The University is taking steps to fill faculty positions so that admission to M. Phil/Ph.D. programmes could take place.

Giridih-Ranchi B.G. Rail Line

2603. SHRI SIDHA LAL MURMU : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state whether Government propose to make provision of the requisite funds for laying of the broad gauge railway line between Giridih and Ranchi via Kodarma and Hazaribagh town in the Seventh Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : Survey for a

new B.G. line from Ranchi to Hazaribagh Town and onwards to Giridih via Koderma is being carried out. A decision on the project and provision of funds therefor, will be taken after receipt and examination of the Survey Report, subject to availability of funds and clearance by the Planning Commission.

[English]

Closing down of Ningla-Gadadha Railway Line

2604. SHRI HAROOBHAI MEHTA : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ningala-Gadadha Railway line has been closed down;

(b) whether any representation has been received to resume the services on this line in view of the pilgrims traffic at Gadadha; and

(c) what action has been taken by the Government to resume the service?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Restoration of train services on this uneconomic section has not been found financially justified. Besides adequate road transport services are available to meet the needs of the people of the area.

Development of National Institute of Naturopathy at Pune as Premier Institute of Indigenous system

2605. SHRIMATI USHA CHOU-DHRI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is proposed to develop the National Institute of Naturopathy at

Pune as premier institute for research, training and treatment of the indigenous system; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) The National Institute of Naturopathy at Pune will function as a premier educational, training, research and service Institute in Naturopathy.

(b) The National Institute of Naturopathy, Pune has been registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 on 27.1.1984.

A provision of Rupees one crore has been made for the Institute in the Seventh Five Year Plan. The staff for the Institute is yet to be appointed. The Institute is likely to start functioning shortly.

Plea to Scrap Duty on Medical Equipment

2606. SHRI NURSING SURYA-WANSHI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Association of Surgeons of India made a plea to scrap duty on medical equipment; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this matter ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) and (b) A large number of representations have been received from various associations, bodies and institutes requesting for abolition/reduction of Customs Duty in respect of medical equipment. These representations were examined in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the view of this Ministry have been communicated to the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) who is the nodal Ministry for processing the matter further.