

(c) The level of exploitation of ground water resource is estimated as about 15%.

(d) During the VII Plan period an irrigation potential of 70,000 hectares is proposed to be created from ground water. The Central Ground Water Board plans to complete hydrogeological surveys of the entire State and construct about 400 additional exploratory boreholes. The Ministry of Water Resources is also operating a Centrally Sponsored Scheme under which matching grants are provided for the purchase of equipment by the State Ground Water Departments.

Scholarships by Yugoslavia to Indian Nationals

1568. SHRI BHARAT KUMAR ODEDRA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Yugoslavia has offered recently some scholarships to Indian Nationals for the year 1986-87 ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Scholarships have been offered for post-graduate studies or short-term specialisation in technical science, social science, technology, forestry or economy. While the duration of each scholarship varies between six to nine months, total duration of the scholarships offered is 40 months.

Decisions taken at Conference of Health Ministers Re Medical services in Rural Areas

1569. SHRI BHARAT KUMAR ODEDRA : Will the minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a Conference of Health Ministers and Secretaries was held recently in New Delhi ;

(b) if so, the measures taken to improve and provide medical services in the rural areas of the country ;

(c) whether some decisions in regard to improving the service conditions of doctors were also taken ; and

(d) If so, the details of the decisions taken at this Conference ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) To provide adequate medical facilities in rural areas of the country by 2000 A.D., it is proposed :—

(i) to provide one Health Guide for every village and at least one trained Dai in every village ;

(ii) to provide a sub-centre and one male and female multi-purpose health worker for every 5000 rural population in general and for every 3000 population in tribal and hilly areas ;

(iii) to open new PHCs so as to ultimately have one Primary Health Centre for every 30,000 rural population in general and for every 20,000 population in tribal and hilly areas ;

(iv) to provide facilities for treatment in basic specialities at upgraded Primary Health Centres/Community Health Centres, to be established in a phased manner, so that ultimately there is one upgraded PHC/CHC for every one lakh rural population.

The targets under the scheme of Training of Dais, Health Guides, Establishment of sub-centres and Primary Health