

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI-MATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b). There is no acute shortage of mining engineers. However, there is some shortfall and necessary action is already being taken to encourage the proposals from the State Governments for the expansion of facilities in the field in the different institutions to meet the additional requirements.

Opening of Research Centres Similar to ANIMAS

786. SHRI D. N. REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Atomic Nuclear Medical Research Institute, ANIMAS—Delhi is the only institute of its kind in the country;

(b) whether Government are contemplating to open more such highly sophisticated research centres in the country and if so, the location thereof; and

(c) whether Government are considering to open one such unit in one of the Southern States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Allied Sciences (INMAS) Delhi is the only Institute of its kind in the country.

(b) and (c). No such proposal is under consideration of the Govt. of India at present. However, the Government of Tamil Nadu have approached for setting up of an NMR facility at the Barnard Institute of Radiology and Cancer, Madras. The proposal for setting up of NMR facility is under consideration in consultation with the concerned Departments etc.

[*Translation*]

Waiting List of Patients for Admission in Dr. R.M.L Hospital and Safdarjung Hospital.

787. SHRI RAJ KUMAR RAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of patients on waiting list for admission in Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital and Safdarjung Hospital with various departments as on 30 June, 1987;

(b) whether long dates are given to patients for treatment and operations; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps being taken by Government to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) There is no waiting list of patients for admission to the Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital and the Safdarjung Hospital.

(b) and (c). All the patients requiring emergency treatment and operation are admitted and treated. However, patients requiring routine operations/elective surgery are given dates depending on the convenience of the patient/surgeon.

Tree plantation along Barmer Jodhpur Railway track

788. SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways propose to plant trees alongwith the railway tracks between Barmer and Balotara on Barmer-Jodhpur railway line, with the help of Department of Forests, in order to check sand-storms that block the movement of trains on this railway line; and

(b) if so, the details of these steps taken