

disabled to all the uncovered areas in the current Plan period;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the expenditure incurred on the Scheme during the years 1985-86 and 1986-87?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI-MATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) The Government propose to steadily expand the coverage of the Centrally sponsored scheme of Integrated Education for the Disabled Children during the current Plan period. The Scheme has recently been revised in the light of the National Policy on Education and the Programme of Action. In the revised scheme the States/UTs have been advised to select specific blocks for implementation of the scheme and provide all the necessary inputs in the schools there, instead of implementing the scheme in scattered schools. Voluntary/autonomous organisations are also proposed to be involved to accelerate the pace of implementation of the scheme.

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| (c) 1985-86 | Rs. 45.00 lakhs  |
| 1986-87     | Rs. 170.77 lakhs |

#### **Slow Work on National Highway No. 12 between Durrah and Suket**

2954. SHRI JUJHAR SINGH : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state the reasons for slow and sub-standard work on National Highway No. 12 between Durrah and Suket on Kota-Jhalawar Track of Rajasthan.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): The progress of works on this stretch of road which is being done according to the specifications, has suffered due to heavy rainfall during 1987.

[*Translation*]

#### **Retirement Age of Doctors, Teachers & Professors**

2955. SHRI SARFARAZ AHMAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the retirement age of the Homoeopathy Ayurvedic and Allopathy doctors is 58 years whereas the retirement age of the teachers and University Professors is 60 years:

(b) whether the experience of the doctors increases with the age and they become more useful for the nation;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to increase the retirement age of doctors to 60 years and if so, by what time; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) to (d) There is no proposal at present to raise the retirement age of the Homoeopathic and Ayurvedic doctors to 60 years.

However, in the case of Allopathic doctors, in the package of benefits announced to the striking doctors it was mentioned that the question of enhancement of retirement age from 58 to 60 years will be considered in the context of general policy with regard to the retirement age for various categories of Central Government employees. At present there is no proposal to raise the retirement age.

[*English*]

#### **Price Control of Vaccines for Diphtheria, Tetanus etc.**

2956. DR. CHANDRA SHEKHAR TRIPATHI: