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(b) and (c). Such demands have been received occasionally. However, Kendriya Vidyalayas follow a uniform pattern in the schools all over the country and therefore introducing new subjects would be feasible only if the need is felt in different parts of the country for a fairly large number of Kendriya Vidyalayas.

## Committee to Study Service Conditions of Nurses

- 1578. SHRI VAKKOM PU-RUSHOTHAMAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether a committee has been set up by Union Government to study the conditions of service, status and allied matters pertaining to Nurses and the Nursing profession:
- (b) if so, the terms of reference of the committee;
- (c) whether the committee has since submitted its report;
- (d) if so, major recommendations of the committee: and
- (e) if not, when committee is expected to submit its report?

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

- (b) The terms of the reference of the Committee are as follows:-
- (i) To look into the existing working conditions of nurses with particular reference to the states of the nursing care services, both in the rural and urban areas.

- (ii) To study and recommend the staffing norms necessary for providing adequate nursing personnel required to give the best possible care, both in the hospitals and community.
- (iii) To look into the training of all categories and level of nursing midwifery personnel to meet the nursing manpower needs at all levels of health services and education.
- (iv) To study and clarify the role of nursing personnel in the health care delivery system including their intermation with other members of the Health team at every level of health services management.
- (v) To examine the need for organisation of the nursing services at the National, State, District and lower levels with particular reference to the need for planning and implementation of comprehensive nursing care services within the overall health care system of the country at the respective levels.
- (vi) To look into all other aspects which the Committee may consider relevant with reference to their terms of reference, and
- (vii) While considering the various issues under the above terms of reference, the Committee will hold consultation with the State Governments.
- (c) to (e). The Committee has not submitted its report and it will be taking some time to submit its report.

## Passenger Amenities

1579. SHRI ZAINAL ABEDIN: SHRI GADADHAR SAHA: SHRI R.P. DAS:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS pleased to state: