

(c) There is no separate Central Plan Scheme for the control of Japanese Encephalitis. However, insecticides/fogging/ULV machine are being supplied to the affected states on 50:50 cost sharing basis under N.M.A.P. (Rural).

Teachers' Training Institutes

2416. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of districts which do not yet have an Elementary Teacher Training Institute;

(b) the number of districts where these institutes have been upgraded to District Institute of Education and Training;

(c) the target year for establishing the proposed district institutes in all districts of the country;

(d) the level of financial assistance by the Union Government to States for the proposed upgradation; and

(e) whether Government propose to encourage the establishment of Private Teacher's Training Institutes ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI) : (a) Information is being collected.

(b) Till 7th March, 1988, first instalment of Central assistance had been sanctioned to various State Governments for upgradation of 43 existing Elementary Teacher Training Institutes into District Institutes of Education and Training. The upgradation will be carried out by the State Governments with this assistance, over a period of time.

(c) Provisionally, it is proposed to sanction, by the end of the Seventh Plan period, District Institutes of Education and Training in all those districts of the country which can sustain a full-fledged institute of this nature. However, the extent of implementation of this programme would depend on availability of funds, and response of State Governments.

(d) Central assistance for upgradation is sanctioned on the basis of project prepared by the State Governments, looking to the specific requirements of institutions and districts concerned. However, as a norm, Central assistance for non-recurring items of expenditure is given to the extent of about Rs. 54.5 lakhs per project. In addition, assistance for recurring items of expenditure would also be available till the end of the Seventh Plan period to the extent of about Rs. 24.4 lakhs annually, reduced by the present level of expenditure on the institution being upgradated.

(e) No, Sir.

Incidence of Meningitis

2417. SHRI VAKKOM PURUSHOTHAMAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of cases of meningitis reported during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the cases of deaths reported in the country due to meningitis during the last one year;

(c) the measure taken by Government to reduce the incidence of meningitis;

(d) whether attention of Government has also been drawn to the non-availability of meningitis vaccine in sufficient numbers in Government hospitals; and

(e) if so, the reason therefor and step taken by Government to make the vaccine available ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) : (a) According to the information received from the State/UT health authorities, the total number of Meningitis cases during the last three years are as under :

1985	15755
1986	10382
1987	8615
Total	<u>34752</u>

(b) During 1987, 1470 deaths due to Meningitis have been recorded in the country.

(c) The Government is taking appropriate measures to monitor and control of the disease by detecting the cases of Meningitis and treating them with proper antibiotics such as penicillin/Chlromphenicol etc., to reduce mortality. The Medical officers in School Health Programme are also taking special care in detecting cases in school children. The close contacts of the confirmed cases are being treated with chemoprophylactic agent *i.e.* Sulphadiazine.

(d) and (e). No effective vaccine has yet been developed against Group B meningococci. However some Polysaccharide vaccines of type A C & Y licenced in USA and other countries, have been imported and stocked at the National Institute of Communicable Diseases, Delhi for use in high risk health personnel working in hospital wards, casualty departments, laboratories handling cases etc. Since the cases of Meningitis occur in wider age groups and spread by direct contact including droplets and discharges from nose and throats of infected persons, it is not advisable to include Meningococcal Meningitis vaccination in immunization programme.

Ship Scrapping Policy

2418. SHRI S. B. SIDNAL : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether in view of the rapid technological obsolescence of ships Government are reviewing their ship scrapping policy; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) and (b). The policy in 7th plan for shipping sector is to rectify the structural weaknesses. The strategic emphasis is on replacement of overaged and uneconomic ships by modern fuel efficient ships. The Government has fixed the target of 2.5 MGRT to be scrapped during the 7th Plan Period.

[Translation]

Reservation in Confirmation of Services of Doctors belonging to SC/ST

2419. SHRI MANVENDRA SINGH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a provision for reservation in the confirmation of services of the doctors belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes;

(b) if so, whether his Ministry has ever followed it;

(c) whether doctors have submitted a memorandum to this effect many a time during the period between 1985-88;

(d) if so, the action taken so far by Government on these memoranda;

(e) the number of such doctors belonging to SC/ST who have not been confirmed and are working in Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia and Safdarjang hospitals respectively; and

(f) the date by which the said doctors are likely to be confirmed on the posts under the aforesaid quota ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) : (a) and (b). At the time of confirmation of Medical Officers relating to various Sub-cadres of Central Health Service, necessary instructions on the subject pertaining to reservation of SC/ST candidates in confirmation as issued by the Department of Personnel and Training are followed.

(c) and (d). Individual representations in the matter have been received and action on the same is being processed in consultation with Department of Personnel and Training and Union Public Service Commission.

(e) There are nine Medical Officers in various grades belonging to SC/ST posted in Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital and eight Medical Officers in various grades