

six month and (ii) one year and reasons for not filling the same;

(b) the actual requirements of these hospitals in respect of doctors, nurses and other staff; and

(c) the time by which the necessary information will be laid on the Table of the House ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJIAH) : (a) to (c). The required information is as given below :

Name of the post	Sanctioned strength	Post lying vacant for six month to one Year	more than one year
1. Doctors	2635	102	303
2. Nurses	4898	67	286
3. Para-medical staff	2963	78	250
4. Other staff	11,905	262	547

According to the information furnished by the State Governments, the posts have been lying vacant generally on account of either non-finalisation of recruitment rules, non-availability of suitable candidates for filling up of reserved vacancies, non-availability of qualified candidates for technical posts or procedural delays in filling up the posts etc.

#### Replanting of coconut trees in Andhra Pradesh

3959. SHRI V. TULSIRAM : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether most of the coconut trees in the State of Andhra Pradesh are old and not yielding good crop ;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government to replant new coconut trees in the State ;

(c) if so, the details of the scheme and the time by which it is expected to be implemented ; and

(d) how much financial assistance will be provided by the Central Government for the purpose and when ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR) : (a) No detailed survey has been made about old and less productive coconut palms in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) The Coconut Development Board has prepared an Integrated Development Project for 15 States and Union Territories for the Seventh Plan. This includes replanting of 500 hectares of old and uneconomic plantations in Andhra Pradesh.

(c) and (d). Under this Project a replanting subsidy of Rs. 100 per palm or Rs. 15,000 per hectare whichever is less is proposed. The Scheme could not be considered for inclusion in the Seventh Plan because of paucity of funds.

#### Failure of Tissue Culture Technique on Papaya

3960. SHRIMATI USHA VERMA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to a news-item published in 'Jansatta' dated 14 July, 1985