

(d) whether Government had indicated any specific subjects like "Race Relations in Britain and Commonwealth" to be included in the agenda, and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) The agenda covered the political and economic aspects of international affairs, including the situation in Southern Africa, and Cyprus, the question of the establishment of a new international economic order, functional and economic cooperation among Commonwealth countries and comparative techniques of Government.

(d) No, Sir.

Shortage of Equipments and Beds in Civil and General Hospitals

687. PROF. P. G. MAVALANKAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of civil and general hospitals run by Central Government are suffering from inadequate equipments and beds as well as overburdened medical and nursing staff; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAJ NARAYAN): (a) and (b). In two Central Government Hospitals, namely, Willingdon and Safdarjung Hospitals in New Delhi, the position regarding the availability of equipments, beds and staff is as follows:—

Willingdon Hospitals:

There is no inadequacy of equipments. 70 more beds have recently been sanctioned to strengthen the ever increasing requirement of beds in this Hospital. A proposal for suitably strengthening the various

specialities by upgrading Specialists Gd. II posts to Specialists Gd. I is being examined.

Safdarjung Hospital:

There is no inadequacy of equipment. Because of over-crowding of indoor patients at times, there is shortage of beds. To cope with the need for increased beds, miniature stretcher type beds are being procured by the Hospital authorities. A proposal for augmenting the strength of medical and Nursing Personnel in the Hospital is being examined.

Family Planning

688. SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a fresh look at the policy of family planning and also felt that family planning should continue;

(b) whether the family planning, a voluntary one, had not been successful in the past;

(c) the extent Government are confident to successfully implement the family planning in the country in future; and

(d) the total sum provided for during the current year for the implementation of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAJ NARAIN): (a) to (c). The Government have reviewed the implementation of Family Welfare Programme especially in the light of the declared policy of the present Government to pursue vigorously Family Welfare Programme. Wholly on a voluntary basis. For this purpose a revised approach to Family Welfare Programme was discussed with State Health Ministers, and a copy of the