

giving the requisite information is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-1226/77].

(b) Number of Ayurvedic Physicians under C.G.H.S.

	Senior Physicians	Medical Officer-cum-Suptd.	Ayurvedic Physicians
Delhi			
Other cities (Two posts each).			20
TOTAL	1		37
Grand Total—39			

(c) It is the policy of the Government to give due encouragement to the indigenous systems of medicine by making available to the C.G.H.S. beneficiaries the facility of treatment under ayurveda, unani and homoeopathic systems of medicine.

(d) The number of dispensaries functioning under the different Indian Systems of Medicine is as under:—

Delhi	Dispensary	Unit	Other tations Unit
Ayurveda	5		10
Homoeopathy	3		10
Unani			

quantity	1974-75	1975-76	1976-77
Produced (in Million Tonnes)	5.694	5.739	7.302
Exported (in '000 Tonnes)	52.13	506.14	1409.25

(b) Yes, Sir. The internal demand was met by domestic production as well as imports. There are certain items which were not produced or production of which was not adequate to meet the domestic requirements for which imports were arranged.

(c) Exports of steel are not made at the cost of developmental needs of

A 25 bed Ayurvedic Hospital under C.G.H.S., Delhi has been sanctioned and it is expected to be opened shortly. It is proposed to review the working of the existing Ayurvedic, Homoeopathic and Unani dispensaries/Units with a view to opening more units taking into account the availability of funds and the trend of preference shown by the C.G.H.S. beneficiaries for treatment under these systems of medicine.

Production of Steel

2280. SHRI C. N. VISVANATHAN: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of steel produced during the last three years and the quantity exported;

(b) whether the demand for steel in the country has been fully met; and

(c) if not, the reasons for export of steel without meeting in full development needs of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI KARIA MUNDA): (a) The quantity of saleable steel produced and exported during the last three years is given below:—

the country. During the last three years, after meeting the domestic demands and even after exports, the steel industry built up sizeable stock as on 31st March, 1977. Steel had to be exported to maintain the higher levels of production, reduce inventories and keep up the international contacts. Exports are, however, being made judiciously keeping in view the demand in the domestic market.