

(b) Rural Satellite Television direct broadcast services were provided to selected villages for one year on an experimental basis from 1-8-1975 to 31-7-1976. This experiment was known as SITE (Satellite Instructional Television Experiment). An operational service for direct broadcast of television programmes via satellite to rural areas will be possible under the approved Indian National Satellite (INSAT), multi-purpose domestic satellite project.

Memorandum submitted by Orissa for the improvement of medical institutions

3075. SHRIGANANATH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any memorandum from Orissa Government in connection with the medical institutions and the health services of Orissa State;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) the steps taken in this regard; and

(d) the funds needed for the said health development programme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV): (a) Yes.

(b) The memorandum contained suggestions for improvement of medical institutions and health services of Orissa. The State Government requested for funds totalling Rs. 1655.22 lakhs as follows:—

	(Rs. in lakhs)
1. establishment of chest institute	22.80
2. national programme for blindness	5.72
3. special problems of tribal areas	210.57
4. leprosy rehabilitation.	14.50
5. specialised service institute	600.00
6. development of indigenous system of medicine	530.40
7. Ayurvedic pharmacy	6.86
8. homoeopathic pharmacy	3.04

9. health service in rural areas— medical centres	93.96
10. improvement of medical colleges, reinforcement of cardiology and thoracic surgery	26.00
11. cancer Institute	14.97
12. building programme	108.40
13. continuance of 396 sub-centres	18.00

(c) and (d) The item 'Health' being in the State list, it is for the State Government to provide necessary funds for the schemes from their own resources. However, in regard to centrally sponsored and purely central schemes, assistance is provided to the State Government to the extent of availability of funds with the Government of India. It is always open to the State Government to approach the Planning Commission with full justification for any special help that may be needed for prosecuting important health schemes.

G.B. Pant Hospital, Port Blair

3076. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the present facilities in hospitals in Andaman and Nicobar Islands are insufficient to cope with the increasing rush of patients;

(b) if so, the doctor patient ratio in Port Blair G.B. Pant Hospital and how it compares with hospitals in other such type of place; and

(c) whether the requisite number of specialists are posted in G.B. Pant Hospital, Port Blair and total number of specialists posted in different hospitals in Andaman and Nicobar Islands Hospital-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The doctor patient ratio in G.B. Pant Hospital, Port Blair is as follows:—

Out-patient Department

One doctor for 138 patients.

In-patient Department.

One doctor for 43 patients.