

### Medical Insurance for Doctors, Patients

3097. SHRI VASANT SATHE : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the news report appearing in the National Herald on the 13th November, 1977 under the caption "Medical Insurance for doctors, patients"; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government to the observations made therein ?

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

(b) The report of the Despande Commission set up by the Central Government to enquire into the facts and circumstances leading to the death of Mr. Justice D. S. Lamba of the High Court of Punjab and Haryana along with the Memorandum of action taken thereon has since been laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha on the 14th November, 1977.

### Gold Fund in Vayanad area of Kerala

3098. SHRI P. K. KODIYAN : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Geological Survey of India proposes to carry out a systematic survey of Vayanad area in Kerala to study the occurrence of gold in the sands there; and

(b) if so, when the survey is expected to begin and when it is likely to be concluded ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI KARIA MUNDA) (a) and (b). The Geological Survey of India during the Field season 1977-78, propose to conduct geological and geomorphological surveys for precious metals including gold in the Nilambur Valley south of Vayanad. The work is likely to continue until 1980.

### Meeting of Trade Union Representatives of Unions in Steel Plants

3099. DR. BAPU KALDATE : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government had convened meetings of the representatives of the trade unions of workers in mines and steel plants recently ;

(b) if so, the purpose of these meetings ;

(c) the names of the trades, their representatives invited for these meetings ; and

(d) the total expenditure involved in the organisation of these meetings ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI KARIA MUNDA) :

(a) and (b). Presumably the reference is to the meetings convened by Steel Authority of India Limited of the six Study Groups consisting of representatives of Steel Plants Managements and Trade Unions constituted to study various aspects of the working of the steel industry and make available their suggestions/recommendations for its improved functioning.

(c) The names of the trade union representatives who were invited to attend the plenary session of all the Study Groups held on 30th November, 1977, are given in the Statement laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library See No. LT-1298/77].

(d) The required information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

### पर्वतीय तथा आदिवासी क्षेत्रों में टेलीफोन सुविधा

3100. श्री टी० एस० नेगी : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या पर्वतीय आदिवासी/पिछड़े क्षेत्रों में 2500 की जनसंख्या के पीछे एक सार्वजनिक टेलीफोन लगाने के सम्बन्ध में सरकार की कोई योजना है; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो योजना का ब्यौर क्या है और इस योजना के विस्तार के

उत्तर प्रदेश के पर्वतीय क्षेत्रों में कब तक क्रियान्वित किया जायेगा ?

संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री नरसिंह प्रसाद सुखदेव साय) : (क) सरकार ने पहाड़ी और पिछड़े इलाकों में जिन स्थानों की आबादी 2500 या इस से अधिक हो, वहां सार्वजनिक टेलीफोन घर खोलने की एक योजना की स्वीकृति दे दी है। आशा है कि अधिकांश आदिवासी क्षेत्र पहाड़ी और पिछड़े क्षेत्रों के अन्तर्गत आ जाएंगे।

(ख) ऐसे स्थानों पर सार्वजनिक टेलीफोन घर खोलने का प्रस्ताव है भले ही वहां लाभ हो या हानि हो। उत्तर प्रदेश के पहाड़ी क्षेत्रों में 2500 या इससे अधिक की आबादी वाले ऐसे आठ स्थान हैं जहां टेलीफोन की सुविधा उपलब्ध नहीं है। आशा है इन सभी आठों स्थानों पर अगले दो वर्षों में सार्वजनिक टेलीफोन घर खोल दिए जाएंगे।

**Appointment of Presiding Officer in Industrial Court No. 2, Dhanbad**

3101. SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH : Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is no presiding Officer in Central Government Industrial Court (No. 2), Dhanbad for about a year ; and

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in the appointment of Presiding Officer and the time by which the appointment would be made ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR (SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA) (a) Yes, Sir. However, all the references have been transferred to Central Government Industrial Tribunal-cum-Labour Court No. 1 & 3, Dhanbad.

(b) A review is proposed to be conducted by the Staff Inspection Unit of the Ministry of Finance to re-organise the Industrial

Tribunals-cum-Labour Courts on the basis of work-load. The post has been left vacant till the report of the above Unit becomes available.

**Establishing a survey Medicinal Plant unit in Aligarh Muslim University**

3102. SHRI NAWAB SINGH CHOUHAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 668 on the 28th July, 1977 and state :

(a) whether the said meeting of the Health Ministers and Secretaries of Health Ministries has since been held ;

(b) if so, the decision taken in regard to establishing a Medicinal Plant Survey Unit in the Aligarh Muslim University ; and

(c) whether the Regional Research Institute (Ayurveda), Jhansi, has done any survey work in Aligarh area and if so, where and the details of survey work done ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE : (SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV) : (a) Yes. The meeting was held on the 28th and 29th July, 1977 at New Delhi.

(b) The scheme is being taken up during the current financial year.

(c) The Regional Research Centre, Jhansi has proposed to survey the forest areas of Aligarh during the second fortnight of December, 1977, and will continue till the Aligarh scheme mentioned at (b) starts functioning.

**Direct Dialling in Towns of Andhra Pradesh**

3103. SHRI P. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether direct dialling system has been introduced in Andhra Pradesh towns ;

(b) if so, names of the towns; and

(c) the places to which direct dialling can be made ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI NARHARI PRASAD SUKHDEO SAI) (a) Yes, Sir.