

telephone rates for long distance connections in rural areas from urban exchanges.

(b) No, sir. Connections are being provided in turn subject to technical feasibility and availability of stores.

Ayurvedic dispensary in West Delhi

4794. SHRI BALAK RAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn towards the news item entitled 'Ayurvedic System gets a back seat' appearing in the Hindustan Times dated the 13th August, 1977;]

(b) whether there are only six Ayurvedic Dispensaries and none of them is situated in West Delhi, whereas there are 100 allopathic dispensaries in West Delhi, if so, the reasons for the same;

(c) whether Government propose to take necessary steps for the promotion of Ayurvedic system of Medicines in view of its various pronouncements for doing so; and

(d) the details of such plans or steps taken and the time by which those will be achieved?

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

(b) At present 5 C.G.H.S. Ayurvedic Dispensaries and 1 Ayurvedic Unit are functioning under the C.G.H.S. at the following places:—

1. North Avenue
2. Kidwai Nagar
3. R.K.Puram
4. Gole Market
5. Dev Nagar
6. Delhi Cantt. (Unit).

There is a proposal under consideration to set up more Ayurvedic unit under CGHS Allopathic Dispensaries functioning in Delhi.

(c) Yes.

(d) The following new schemes are under consideration with a view to promote research and training in development and expansion of Ayurvedic System of Medicine:—

1. Setting up of a 300 bedded Ayurvedic Hospital at Hari Nagar, New Delhi (already approved).

2. Setting up of an Ayurveda, Unani and Homoeopathic Hospital (100 bedded each) at Chandiwala estate, Kalkaji, New Delhi.

3. Publication of books.

4. Training of village vaidyas.

5. Establishment of Regional Institutes for Indian Systems of Medicine (3 in Ayurveda and one in Unani). These Institutes would comprise of an under-graduate college and 4 post-graduate departments.

6. Development of medical and health care programme through Indian Systems of Medicine—provision of treatment through ISM in PHCs. This scheme envisages the provision of a practitioner of ISM in each PHC.†

7. Establishment of Dispensaries in ISM in the States at sub-centre level. This envisages the setting up of ISM wings at sub-centres.

8. Development of under-graduate education in ISM. This scheme envisages the provision of more funds to the under-graduate colleges of ISM to facilitate these colleges to implement the syllabus recommended by the Central Council of Indian Medicine.

9. Training of under-graduate teachers.

10. Post-graduate training in Yoga and Nature Cure.

With a view to ensure better and more methodical attention to research in selected important areas, it has been decided to review results of the researches made so far and to split up the existing Central Council for Research in Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy into four Central Research Councils, one each for (i) Ayurveda and Sidha (ii) Unani (iii) Homoeopathy and (iv) Yoga and Naturopathy.

The above mentioned schemes will be implemented depending upon the availability of funds. Efforts would also be made to lay down targets for the schemes and the period for the achievements of the targets, wherever possible.