

### Visit of Bangladesh President

1456. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the recent visit of Bangladesh President and his assurance given to reduce the arms in his country and state the extent to which this is going to affect our policy and relations with the neighbouring countries?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE): During the recent visit of the Bangladesh President to India the question of reduction in Arms expenditure in the sub-continent as a part of the effort to achieve general and complete disarmament was discussed. The discussion was in general terms and there was, therefore, no question or occasion for either side to give any assurance to reduce arms in the respective countries. The point raised in the last part of the question, therefore, does not arise.

### Dispensary at Ashok Vihar, Delhi

1457. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new dispensary in Ashok Vihar Delhi has been opened recently;

(b) the number of colonies covered by this dispensary;

(c) whether experienced doctors have not been posted to that dispensary;

(d) whether Government have received complaints that the doctors do not prescribe good medicines to the patients resulting in great difficulties

to them and the patients have to approach private doctors for treatment; and

(e) steps Government propose to take and see that patients are properly treated and given good medicine in that dispensary?

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

(b) The following colonies are covered by this Dispensary:—

- (1) Ashok Vihar
- (2) Tri Nagar
- (3) Lawrence Road Colony
- (4) Bharat Nagar
- (5) J. J. Colony
- (6) Nimri Colony
- (7) Sawan Park
- (8) Ram Pura

(c) Out of the 5 doctors posted to this dispensary, 3 have experience of over 10 years and the other 2 have experience of 5 years and 1-1/2 years respectively.

(d) No such complaints have been received by the Government.

(e) The medicines are sent for quality assessment through Medical Stores Depot (CGHS) as and when any doubt about their good quality is raised. The Medical Store Depot on its own also gets the medicine quality assessed from Government laboratory from time to time.

The Medical Officers have standing instructions to prescribe appropriate medicines after proper examination of the patient and these instructions are reiterated from time to time.