

Bal Mela at Chhainsa by AIIMS

9156. SHRI DHARMA VIR VASISHT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the nature of the Bal Mela organised recently at village Chhainsa, Tahsil Ballabgarh (Haryana) by the All India Institute of Medical Sciences;

(b) the number of participants together with the nature of help given to the needy; and

(c) the total expenses incurred on the Mela with break up between the village Panchayat, the Panchayat Samiti and the A.I.I.M.S.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV): (a) Chhainsa is a health Centre manned by the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi. The Bal Mela was organised with the efforts of the interns, Medical Officer Incharge of the Health Centre and the Chhainsa Panchayat. The aim of organising this Bal Mela was to arouse the health consciousness in the Rural Folk for care of their children below the age of five years;

(b) The whole village of Chhainsa participated in Bal Mela. Children who were brought in the Mela numbered approximately 450. The basic aim was to high-light the problems of children and educate the parents. The health exhibition was organised with regard to preventive and promotive aspect of health. Children were divided into various age groups and the children who were judged to be healthy in each age group were given prizes.

(c) The break up of expenses is as follows:—

The Panchayat contributed for putting up the Shamiana and a part of refreshment provided at the end of the show. The Institute contri-

buted nothing as cash payment but services of the experts in arranging the Bal Mela and the transport for bringing the Faculty Members and other personnel from the Institute Lion's Club, Ballabgarh contributed for the prizes amounting to approx. Rs. 550 including refreshment.

जड़ी-बूटी उद्योग

9157. श्री राजेन्द्र कुमार शर्मा : क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) देश में इस समय जड़ी-बूटियों के कितने उद्योग हैं ;

(ख) प्रत्येक राज्य में सरकारी तथा गैर-सरकारी क्षेत्र में जड़ी-बूटियों की कितनी फर्म हैं; और

(ग) सरकार ने सरकारी तथा गैर-सरकारी क्षेत्र की फर्मों में सरकार ने कुल कितना पूंजी निवेश किया है और उनसे प्रत्येक वर्ष कितना लाभ हुआ ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव) : (क) से (ग) : यह सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और यथासमय सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

Popularisation of Siddha System of Medicine

9158. SHRI RAGAVALU MOHANARANGAM:

SHRI P. S. RAMALINGAM:
SHRI P. KANNAN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of publications brought out by the Government of India for popularising Siddha systems of medicine; and

(b) the reasons for not translating ancient Siddha literature into Hindi and English?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV): (a) The Siddha Pharmacopeia Committee has finalised the first volume of Siddha Formulary of India in Tamil consisting of 242 compound preparations. The manuscript of the Formulary is read. The Central Council for Research in Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy has brought out two publications—one each in English and Tamil for popularising the Siddha System of Medicine. The publications are:—

(i) A hand book of common remedies in Siddha system of medicine (English).

(ii) Theriyar Kappiyam (Tamil). Whereas another publication (Theriyar Tharu in Tamil) is expected to be received from the Press soon, three more works are being sent to the Press for printing. Manuscripts of six other publications—three each in Tamil and Hindi are nearing completion.

(b) The translation work of the first volume of Siddha Formulary of India, in Hindi and English, has already been undertaken. Steps have also been taken for translating other Siddha publications into English and Hindi.

Medicinal Plants Unit of C.C.R.I.M.H.

9159. SHRI RAGAVALU MOHANARANGAM:
SHRI P. KANNAN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state the steps taken for expanding the survey of Medicinal Plants Unit of Central Council for Research in Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy in Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV): The Survey of Medicinal Plants Unit at Government College of Indian System of Medicine, Palayamkottai, Tamil Nadu, has conducted 97 survey tours in 120 forest areas for assessing the qualitative and quantitative position of natural resources. The Unit has collected information about 1450 plant having medicinal and economical importance, and is maintaining a herbarium of 3000 sheets containing 770 species and also a museum with 315 authentic specimens. The activities of Survey of Medicinal Plants Unit in Tamil Nadu are proposed to be stepped up during the current year, to explore further the natural resources available by making further seasonal visits.

Central Pharmacy in Indian system of Medicine

9160. SHRI RAGAVALU MOHANARANGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up a Central Pharmacy in Indian system of medicine; and

(b) the precise place given to Siddha System in that set-up?

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

(b) The main objective of the Indian Medicine Pharmaceutical Corporation Limited, which has yet to be established, is to undertake manufacture of Indian medicines. Initially the Corporation will manufacture genuine Ayurvedic and Unani medicines and at a later stage the Corporation will also undertake manufacture of Siddha medicines.