

Registration of Doctors

2098. SHRIMATI PARVATHI KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to replace the system of one-time registration for doctors by periodic registration; and

(b) if so, the details and objective thereof?

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

(b) It is proposed to amend the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 to provide for periodic registration, once every five years by the medical practitioners. This will help the Medical Council of India to know accurately the total number of practising medical practitioners in the country and the places where they practise.

Export of Non-Ferrous Metal items

2099. SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has entered into a conversion deal with some foreign countries in regard to the export of non-ferrous metal items; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI KARIA MUNDA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

U.S. Assistance for Malaria Control Programme

2100. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the U.S. development assistance to this country for supplementing the Malaria Control Programme, has been resumed by that country; and

(b) if so, the total assistance so far received?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV): (a) Not yet.

(b) Does not arise.

Representation by Mukhiya of Jogidih Panchayat (Dhanbad) for a Post Office

2101. SHRI A. K. ROY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the representation dated 12th January, 1978 by the Mukhiya of Jogidih Panchayat, P. S. Chandankeyari, Dhanbad for a Post Office, has been received; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government to meet the dire necessity of the people of this backward area and a part of Scheduled Caste Constituency?

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

(b) The P.M.G. Patna has been requested to examine the proposal and send a report on the justification of opening a Post Office at village Jogidih in accordance with the departmental norms.