

the part of Pakistan Government to quit CENTO to enable it to participate in the ensuing meeting of non-aligned nations to be held at Belgrade from July 22, 1978; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE): (a) and (b). To become a member or observer of the Non-aligned Movement, a country has to satisfy five criteria. One of these criteria is that the country should not be a member of a multilateral military alliance concluded in the context of Great Power conflicts. Consequently, if Pakistan wishes to participate as a member or an observer in the Belgrade meeting of Foreign Ministers of Non-aligned Countries from 25th to 29th July, 1978, it would have to leave CENTO which is a multilateral military alliance concluded in the context of Great Power conflicts.

Restoration of ESI Allowance to Doctors

757. SHRI AMAR ROY PRADHAN: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have restored the Employees' State Insurance allowance to the doctors; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. RAM KIRPAL SINHA): (a) and (b). The Employees' State Insurance Corporation has reported that the ESI Allowance of Rs. 100/- per month is already being paid to ESI Medical Officers in all the States, other than Medical Officers appointed under the Employees' State Insurance Scheme in Delhi on or after 20th May, 1974 who

were recruited directly on ad-hoc basis by the Corporation. The Standing Committee of the Employees' State Insurance Corporation at its meeting held on 19th June, 1978 has recommended restoration of payment of ESI Allowance to be excluded category of medical officers in Delhi.

Improvement in working of Hospitals in Delhi

758. SHRI KANWAR LAL GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether no improvement has been made in the Government hospitals in Delhi, particularly in the Emergency Wards in spite of the assurance given by Government;

(b) the steps taken to improve the conditions of the local hospitals in Delhi during the last 6 months;

(c) whether there is a lot of congestion and shortage of beds in the hospitals; and

(d) if so, how many new beds are to be provided in the next 2 years and how many new hospitals and dispensaries are to be opened during that period in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV): (a) and (b). No. Some improvements, the details of which are given in the statement attached, have been made in the Emergency and Casualty Wards of the three major Hospitals, in Delhi. A Hospital Review Committee has also been set up under the chairmanship of Dr. M.M.S. Siddhu, M.P. to undertake a comprehensive review of the working of Central Government Hospitals and the Hospital side of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, with a view to identifying areas of inadequacy and make recommendations regarding the short-term and