

1977-78, 1978-79 and 1979-80; State-wise; and

(b) how many colleges have been started for (i) Medical Education, (ii) Engineering, (iii) Agricultural and (iv) General?

**THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND):** (a) and (b). According to information furnished by the University Grants Commission the number of Universities and Colleges started during the last three years is as follows:—

	1977-78	1978-79	1979-80
1. Universities . . . . .	Nil	3	1
2. Engineering Colleges . . . . .	2	2	7
3. Medical (Ayurveda, Unani, Homoeopathy and Nursing) Colleges . . . . .	14	5	6
4. Agricultural and Veterinary Science Colleges . . . . .	1	1	1
5. General (Arts, Science and Commerce) Colleges . . . . .	41	77	84

The three Universities started during 1978-79 are one each in Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. In 1979-80, one institution in Delhi was declared as a deemed to be University.

**Crash programme for employment to blind**

855. SHRI GULAM RASOOL KOCHAK:

SHRI M. V. CHANDRASEKHARA MURTHY:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have prepared a crash programme to provide employment to the blind;

(b) if so, whether under the scheme they will be provided Government jobs in higher categories to the well-qualified among them;

(c) if so, the main features of the same; and

(d) when the same is likely to be implemented?

**THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND):** (a) to (d). Government of India have already issued executive orders reserving for the blind one percent of posts/services in Group 'C' and 'D' categories in Central Government Departments, Public Sector Undertakings.

An exercise is being carried out to explore the possibilities of providing jobs in higher categories to the handicapped including blind persons.

**Setting up of drinking water points**

856. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of drinking water points set up, State-wise, during the last 3 years; and

(b) the financial assistance sanctioned and disbursed by the Centre on this account, State-wise, during the above period?

**THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI P. C. SETHI):** (a) Progress is monitored in terms of