

Deputy Adviser (Homoeopathy) on a regular basis in accordance with the recruitment rules.

Advertisement for the post of Director, Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy

9385. DR. A. U. AZMI; Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has recently advertised the post of Director, Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy; and

(b) if so, the manner in which selection and appointment to this post is to be made and how long will it take to fill it up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) No. The vacancy has been advertised by the Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy.

(b) Appointments to various posts in the Council are made in accordance with the Rules, Regulations and Bye Laws of the Council. The Selection Committee is expected to meet shortly.

Increase in incidence of Malaria in Delhi

9386. SHRI RAMAVATAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incidence of Malaria has increased in Delhi due to mosquito menace;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the action taken by Government to check the mosquito menace and spread of malaria?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Introduction of Public Distribution System to Avoid effect of Malnutrition

9387. PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to fortify food stuffs supplied through the public distribution system to avoid effects of malnutrition like blindness; and

(b) if so, what concrete steps will be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) and (b) At present, as an experimental measure, the standardised milk being produced by Mother Dairy, Delhi is fortified with vitamin 'A'. The programme is proposed to be extended to other dairies during 6th Five Year Plan period. Further, the modern bread produced by Modern Bakeries (I) Ltd. is fortified with vitamins and minerals in its 13 units in different parts of the country.

To combat iron deficiency anaemia widely prevalent in the country, the Government is considering the possibilities of large scale production and distribution of iron fortified salt. The Government is also having programmes for fortification and enrichment of foodstuffs with essential vitamins, minerals, amino acid and protein concentrates to combat malnutrition.

Petition from Kanchrapara Railway Workshop

9388. PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a mass petition signed by workers of the Kanchrapara Railway workshop has been submitted to the concerned divisional Railway authorities complaining against discrimination and irregularities in the appointment of Class