

India co-sponsored two resolutions on the "International Cooperation in the Peaceful uses of Outer Space" and on the "Second U.N. Conference on the Exploration of the Peaceful uses of Outer Space".

### Construction of Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Hospital in West Delhi

4255. DR. VASANT KUMAR PANDIT : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the construction work of the 500 bed Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Hospital in West Delhi was suddenly stopped by the Delhi Administration in early 1981;

(b) whether this project was at advance stage of construction;

(c) whether the cement allocated for this project was diverted to 5 star hotel and big builders under the pretext of Asiad 82 games ;

(d) whether the hospital project was to serve 20 lakhs people of West Delhi including Janakpuri which has no other hospital facility for 15 kilometres; and

(e) if so, when would this hospital be completed in public interest ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI KUMUD BEN M. JOSHI) : (a) No.

(b) No.

(c) No.

(d) The hospital would serve approximately 10—12 lakhs of people of West Delhi.

(e) The construction of 200 bedded block of the hospital is likely to be completed by December, 1983. The additional 300 bedded block is expected to be completed before the end of the 6th Five Year Plan.

### Correspondence Course of Delhi University

4256. SHRI MOHAMMAD ASRAR AHMED : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether he is aware of a large number of complaints made in the press about the functioning of the correspondence courses of the Delhi University;

(b) whether there has been criticism about the non-receipt of lesson sheets in time on different subjects by the students;

(c) whether there has been a steady decline in enrolment of the correspondence Courses of the University during the last five years; and

(d) if so, steps being taken to effect improvements in the system and attract more students to the same ?

THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRIMATI SHFILA KAUL) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The recent decline in the overall enrolment in Correspondence Courses of Delhi University is partly due to the adoption of the 10+2 pattern of education at the school level, and partly also due to the introduction of Correspondence Courses in several other Universities.

With a view to attracting more students to the Correspondence Courses, the University has recently decided to permit all students who have qualified at the higher secondary examination with 12 years schooling to enrol themselves in these Courses. As for improvements in the system, the UGC has initiated a review of the functioning of Correspondence Courses in various Universities to identify the shortcomings and weaknesses and to suggest measures for improving functional efficiency.