

**Cheaper and Quicker Treatment  
of TB**

4907. DR. VASANT KUMAR PANDIT : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the National Plan drawn by Hon. Secretary Maharashtra Anti-TB Association, for cheaper and quicker treatment of TB ;

(b) if so, whether Government have studied the new plan which replaces the conventional long term chemotherapy by cheaper drug 'refampicin' ;

(c) if so, the results thereof ;

(d) whether the Institute for Research in Medical Statistics, Madras ; found that TB Control Programme was only 8 per cent successful and requires modification ; and

(e) whether Government propose to introduce the new cheap—quick anti-TB therapy by inducting it in the country's health programme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI) : (a) Government have received a copy of plan and prospects of Tuberculosis Control in India prepared by Dr. K.C. Mohanty.

(b) Yes.

(c) and (e). The Government propose to conduct trials on the application of short course chemotherapy drugs regimen under field conditions in some selected districts of the country.

(d) The I.C.M.R. have expressed the view that the finding of the Institute of Research in Medical Statistics, Madras that the T.B. Control Programme was only 8% successful, is hypothetical.

**Top Posts in Dr. R.M.L. Hospital,  
Safdarjung Hospital Lying Vacant**

4908. SHRI PALAS BARMAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY

WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that top posts in Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, Safdarjung Hospital or post of Additional Director General in D.G.H.S. are lying vacant for a long period ; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI) : (a) and (b). The question of the restructuring of the Central Health Service had been under consideration of the Government for quite sometime. The restructuring and cadre review was necessitated by the urgency of strengthening the structural set-up of the Service, improving its functional effectiveness and also improving the career prospects of the members of the Service. The Service, after restructuring, consists of four streams, namely, (i) General Duty and Administrative, (ii) Public Health, (iii) Non-teaching Specialists and (iv) Teaching Specialists.

The cadre review has led to creation of a large number of senior posts. One new post of Additional Director General was created in the Directorate General of Health Services and 32 posts of Senior Specialists were upgraded in Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital and Safdarjung Hospital. The filling up of the normal vacancies had also been held up for sometime due to cadre review. The new Rules were notified on 13th November, 1982 and action has now been taken to fill up all the posts in accordance with the revised Rules.

**Grievances of Engineering Staff of NR**

4909. SHRI MOHAMMAD ISMAIL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received any representation about the grievances of Engineering Staff of Northern Railway ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the steps Government have taken in the matter ?