

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL) :** (a) and (b) No specific survey has been conducted regarding the closure of schools in various States due to non-availability of teachers. The Ministry is, however, aware of the shortage of teachers in certain States, School Education being primarily the responsibility of States and mostly managed by them, each State has to take the initiative to provide the teachers as may be required in the schools.

**Setting up of National Institute for Ayurveda at Trivandrum**

574. **SHRI A. NEELALOHITHADASAN NADAR :**

**SHRI K. A. RAJAN :** Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Governing body of the Central Government for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha has cleared the proposal for the establishment of a National Institute for Ayurveda at Trivandrum ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay ; and

(d) when the proposed institute will be established at Trivandrum?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI) :** (a) to (d) There is no proposal to establish a National Institute of Ayurveda at Trivandrum. Kerala, as we already have a National Institute of Ayurveda at Jaipur. However, there is a proposal for setting up of an Indian Institute for Advanced Studies and Research in Ayurveda in Kerala. The proposal is pending for the consideration of the Governing Body of the Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha.

**Eradication of Plague in India**

575. **SHRI A. NEELALOHITHADASAN NADAR :**

**DR. PRATAP WAGH :** Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have been news reports on return of plague to India as reported in Hindustan Times dated 14th October, 1983;

(b) if so, what remedial steps are proposed in the matter;

(c) whether it is a fact that large funds are being spent on eradication of rodents and if so, the details thereof and reasons for this failure in-checking the disease; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that apart from Health Ministry, Agriculture Ministry has also been spending large funds on rodent eradication and if so; details of their expenditure and schemes for last 3 years or so?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI) :** (a) and (b) Government has seen the news report. The episode was investigated by National Institute of Communicable Diseases. The Investigations did not reveal any evidence of plague.

(c) and (d) Rodents, being one of the major pests affecting agricultural production, processing, storage and distribution have been included under the Centrally sponsored Scheme being operated by the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India since 1976 through the Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine & Storage. Under this Scheme a subsidy to the tune of 50% on the cost of rodenticides to be shared on 50:50 basis by the Central and States respectively is being given. The subsidy availed by some of the States/Union Territories during the last three years is as under :

Year	State	Central Assistance in Rupees)
1981-82	Kerala	46,875
	Maharashtra	1,30,000
	Goa, Daman & Diu	20,000
	Mizorm	58,000
	Haryana	66,000
1982-83	Kerala	48,000
	Maharashtra	59,000
	Goa, Daman & Diu	20,000
	Mizoram	94,000
1983-84	Maharashtra	75,000
	Goa	20,000

**Performance of Central Inland Water  
Transport Corporation Limited**

576. SHRI T.S. NEGI : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the performance of the Central Inland Water Transport Corporation is unsatisfactory ;

(b) if so, when this situation first come to the notice of Government ; and

(c) the remedial steps taken or proposed to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) to (c) The Central Inland Water Transport Corporation Ltd. has been incurring losses since its inception. The Govt. has been reviewing the performance of CIWTC periodically at the highest level. The Govt. of India has sanctioned a scheme costing Rs. 34.20 crores

for (i) replacing the old vessels and augmenting the carrying capacity of its fleet; (ii) capital repairs of vessels; (iii) modernisation of Rajabagan Dockyard in order to improve the capability for repairs and construction of vessels efficiently; and (iv) provision of infra-structure facilities for reconstruction and expansion of some of the existing infra-structure facilities. The Corporation have taken steps to streamline the commercial activities of river services and have also taken up reorganisation of administrative and coordinating machinery besides strengthening and expansion of designing, drawing and planning activities of Rajabagan Dockyard. Vigorous efforts are being made by the Corporation to increase its traffic & improve production.

**Railway Stop at Bapujinagar**

577. SHRI T.R. SHAMANNA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a representation has been received by the Government from the citizens