

These facilities are provided taking into account the demands of passengers, viability of the proposed units and availability of space.

(b) Yes, Sir. The vending contracts in the circulating area at Allahabad station have been awarded to S/Shri Iqbal Ahmed Khan, Anant Ram Chaurasia, Smt, Nirmala Devi and Smt. Kamala Devi. Allotment of these stalls/shops were made under the orders of the Ministry of Railways considering the merit of individual cases and on compassionate grounds.

(c) As per extent policy, all catering/vending contracts upto $\frac{1}{2}$ unit each are exclusively reserved for SC/ST candidates. For larger contracts, applications are invited and contracts are awarded as per the following order of preference : —

- (i) SC/ST
- (ii) Co-operative Societies of actual workers/vendors;
- (iii) Mehila Samities;
- (iv) Disabled ex-servicemen/war-widows;
- (v) Individual unemployed graduates;
- (vi) Freedom fighters; and
- (vii) Others.

Dispensary at Burmah Nallah

9016. SHRI AJIT BAG : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a Public Health Sub Centre with some beds for in door patients at Burmah Nallah, Andaman Nicobar but no doctor is posted there inspite of the requests of the local people of that area;

(b) if so, reasons thereof; and

(c) steps taken to post a doctor there so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI) : (a) to (c) There is a Sub-Centre at Burmah Nallah, Andaman and Nicobar which is looked after by an Auxiliary Nurse-Midwife and a Compounder. According to the existing approved pattern, there is no provision for posting a doctor in a Sub-Centre. However, a doctor from G. B Pant Hospital, Andaman and Nicobar Islands visits the Sub-Centre once in a week.

Panel discussion on mental Health and Steps to deal with problem

9017. SHRI SUSHIL BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item of Indian Express (Delhi) dated 16 March, 1984 about panel discussion on mental health by persons with the expertise and experience in the field; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to deal with the problem of mental health effectively when mental illness in India is wide spread, serious and curable and mental Health is too important a subject to be left to psychiatrists ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI KUMUD BEN M. JOSHI) : (a) Yes.

(b) Efforts are being made to provide essential training in mental health to all Government doctors and health workers at primary care level.

NIMHANS, Bangalore, CIP, Ranchi and AIIMS, New Delhi and P. G. I., Chandigarh are trying to develop models of such simplified programmes of training.