

(b) The Government of India have established a Central Council for Research in Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy which body is giving grants to the various institutions engaged in research. In addition, grants are given to a number of Ayurvedic medical colleges for upgrading the existing Departments. A Central Council of Indian Medicine is being established under an Act of Parliament for regulating Ayurvedic education and its practice. Necessary legislation for the setting up of a similar Council for Homoeopathy is under consideration.

The Government of India have informed all State Governments to the effect that along with modern system of Allopathy, Ayurveda, Unani and Homoeopathic system of medicine should contribute towards the development of the National Health Services in the country. It is, therefore, also for the State Governments to take necessary steps to propagate the Indian systems of medicine including Homoeopathy.

(c) In the Fourth Plan a sum of Rs. 58.30 lakhs has been provided for undergraduate education in Homoeopathy and a sum of Rs. 36.98 lakhs for Research Schemes.

#### **Production of .22 Rifles, Pistols and Revolvers for Public Use**

1457. SHRI S. N. MISRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Defence Department has produced for public use 2.2 Rifles, Pistols and Revolvers;

(b) if so, the prices thereof; and

(c) by what time these fire arms will be available in the market; and

(d) what estimate for marketing these fire arms has been made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (DEFENCE PRODUCTION) IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) The Department of Defence Production has plans to produce for public use .22 Rifles (and not 2.2 Rifles) and .32" Pistols. There is no plan to produce Revolvers for public use.

(b) Prices would be decided after the bulk manufacture has been started.

(c) The pilot batch of .22 Rifles has been manufactured. As soon as this batch is cleared in proof bulk production will be taken up. Every effort is being made to put the Rifles in the market as early as possible. A project has recently been sanctioned for the manufacture of certain army stores and .32" Pistols for the civilian use and though the manufacture is expected to be established in about 3 years time, the capacity would be initially utilised for production of service stores.

(d) No indication can be given at this stage.

#### **Visit of the Officials of F.A.C.T. to foreign countries**

1458. SHRI M. K. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of times the officials of Fertilisers and Chemicals Travancore Limited, Kerala have gone abroad during the last three years;

(b) the total expenditure incurred on these trips; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) and (b) The number of officers of Fertilizers and Chemicals Travancore Limited who had gone abroad during the last three years and the expenditure incurred thereon are given below:—

Year	Number of officers	Expenditure
1968-69	66	Rs. 6,74,891/-
1969-70	47	Rs. 4,18,086/-
1970-71	18	Rs. 1,22,117/-

(c) The officers of Fertilizers and Chemicals Travancore Limited were sent to Japan, Italy, U.S.A., U. K., Ceylon and Syria in connection with the designing, etc. of the projects under implementation by the Company, for negotiation on tenders of foreign countries for setting up of plants and for training under USAID programmes.