

(ii) *Scheme for the development of Walnut production for export*

<i>(Item)</i>	<i>(Pattern of Subsidy)</i>
Pesticides	50%
Planting material	50%
Fencing material	50%
Sprayers	50%
Technical Staff	100%

Setting up of Homoeopathic Central Council

4680. SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to formulate uniform standard of education and fixed norms of registration in homoeopathy;

(b) whether it is proposed to set up a Homoeopathic Central Council for the proper growth and development of Homoeopathy in the country; and

(c) if so, the main features thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI A. K. KISKU): (a) and (b). Yes.

(c) The main functions of the Central Council of Homoeopathy would be to evolve uniform standards of education in Homoeopathy and the registration of practitioners of Homoeopathy. The registration of practitioners on the Central Register of Homoeopathy will ensure that the medicine is not practised by those who are not qualified in this system, and those who practise, observe a code of ethics in the profession.

Wastage of drinking water in Metropolitan cities

4681. SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large portion of drinking water goes waste in Metropolitan cities of the country through leaks and defective joints in the pipes; and

(b) if so, what steps are proposed to plug the leakage and save drinking water from wastage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI OM MEHTA): (a) It is a fact that certain percentage of water is lost in distribution system due to leaks and defective joints. The losses vary from city to city depending upon various factors like age of the pipes, type of joints, workmanship, quality of maintenance etc. Exact percentages of such losses for various metropolitan cities are not known. However, based on tests conducted in certain portions of distribution system of Greater Bombay, the Central Public Health Engineering Research Institute, Nagpur determined the wastage due to leaks to be of the order of 20 to 40 per cent.

(b) The following steps are being taken to reduce the losses:—

(i) Pipes are given suitable coatings to counteract local action by soils. Cathodic protection is also one of the measures adopted against eddy currents;

(ii) In some big cities there are special leakage detection squads which conduct surveys and carry out repairs.

(iii) The Central Public Health and Environmental Engineering Organisation of the Ministry of Works and Housing is organising specialised training courses for leakage detection and prevention.