

है। इस उद्देश्य के लिए सरकार वह सब सहायता देती रही है जो आवश्यक और सम्भव है। साथ-साथ अल्पकाल में चिकित्सक के आर्थिक विकास के लिये 462 लाख रुपये की रकम निश्चित की गई है और उन प्रयोजनाओं पर विशेष ध्यान दिया जा रहा है जिनसे चिकित्सक के लोगों को ठोस और व्यापक लाभ पहुँचे, खासतौर पर गरीब वर्ग के और ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों के लोगों को।

Jobless Doctors in India

2473. SHRI VARKEY GEORGE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state;

(a) whether 25,000 doctors in the country are jobless;

(b) whether 15,000 doctors have already gone abroad in the last ten years;

(c) whether it is all due to non-availability of job opportunities and facilities for higher training to all the deserving medicos;

(d) whether this trend is bound to effect the health problem of our people due to non-availability of proper timely medical aid in the near future; and

(e) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI A.K.M. ISHAQUE): (a) and (b): No survey has been conducted and, as such, no firm figures regarding jobless doctors or those who have gone abroad in the last ten years are available.

(c) Job opportunities and facilities for postgraduate training for doctors in India are considered adequate. However, the reasons for Indian doctors going abroad are complex. Some of them go for higher training, others go because better research facilities may

be available and some choose to work in developed countries because of general higher level of emoluments obtaining in those countries.

(d) Any migration from the country is bound to alter the doctor-population ratio and to that extent curtail the health facilities available to the people.

(e) A statement indicating the steps taken to check brain-drain is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT 9115/75] Besides, the Education Council for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) examination of U.S.A. which enabled Indian doctors to appear in this country for acquiring the qualification necessary for employment in the U.S.A. has been banned.

Collision between oil tanker and cargo ship at Bombay Harbour

2474. SARDAR SWARAN SINGH SOKHI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the loss and damage caused due to collision between Oil Tanker and Cargo Ship at Bombay Harbour on 12th February, 1975 at midnight; and

(b) the reasons of the collision and the steps Government propose to take to check such recurrences?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI H. M. TRIVEDI): (a) As a result of collision, two tanks of the Liberian oil tanker 'CAPULONIX' were damaged and revealed gaping hole 18x20 feet from top deck down to 14 to 15 feet draft marks. Loss in terms of cargo is about 2200 tonnes of Iranian light crude which spilled out into the sea.