

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) to (c). Casualty Medical officers in the Willingdon Hospital, New Delhi, are required to work for 6 hours a day whereas the Casualty Medical Officers in the Safdarjang and Irwin Hospitals are required to be on duty for 8 hours a day. In view of the fact that the Casualty Medical Officers in the Willingdon Hospital have to work only 6 hours a day, they are not allowed a day off in the week.

Doctors in Willingdon Hospital, New Delhi

3006. Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the Willingdon Hospital, New Delhi, there is one doctor for 4 indoor patients on an average; and

(b) the average of patients per doctor in other Government hospitals in Delhi?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a). The average number of in-patients per doctor is 4.50.

(b). Safdarjang Hospital.	7.50
Irwin Hospital	6

Venereal Diseases

3007. { **Shri D. J. Naik:**
Shri Chhotubhai Patel:
Shri P. R. Patel:

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the incidence of venereal disease is alarming in some of the tribal and scheduled areas;

(b) if so, which are those areas;

(c) whether any scientific survey has been carried out to assess the incidence; and

(d) steps to eradicate venereal disease from those areas?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) and (b). Venereal diseases (particularly syphilis) are

fairly prevalent in many of the hilly areas of the sub-Himalayan tract, and among the hill population of the Nilgiris in the South, the Adivasis of Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh (Jaunsar Bawar area), Bihar etc. A recent survey conducted by the Manipur health authorities did not reveal a high incidence of the disease in that area.

(c). Serological surveys carried out in all these areas revealed seropositivity rate varying from 5 to 50 per cent.

(d). Himachal Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh have venereal disease control units (clinics) under the Tribal Welfare Scheme. Other State Governments have also established V.D. Clinics with Central assistance. The Central Government also assist State Governments in developing mass control programmes.

Goitre

{ **Shri D. J. Naik:**
3008. { **Shri Chhotubhai Patel:**
Shri P. R. Patel:

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the incidence of Goitre disease is found among the Scheduled Tribes of N.E.F.A.; and

(b) if so, whether Government intended to carry out survey and to take steps to control the disease?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) Yes.

(b) A survey has already been carried out which indicates that the incidence of the disease varies from 15 to 75 per cent. Government have already taken measures to control this disease and up to now 725 maunds of iodised salt have been distributed in the area to be used in place of common salt.