

Bungling in Ayurvedic and Unani

5998. SHRI RAMKRISHNA BABA PATIL :
SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware about the financial irregularities to the tune of crores of rupees in the Ayurvedic and Unani Departments of CGHS;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI) : (a) No such irregularities have come to the notice of the Government.

(b) and (c) In view of (a) above, the questions do not arise.

Non-availability of Qualified Doctors in Rural Areas

5999. SHRI BASWARAJ PATIL SEDAM :
SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN :
SHRI A. GANESHAMURTHI :
SHRI VAIKO :
SHRI CHAMANLAL GUPTA :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government observed the non-availability of qualified doctors and their poor services in rural villages in the country and survey has been made in this regard;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of such villages as on April 30, 1998 and the action taken by the Government thereon;

(c) whether the Government propose to impose any condition on doctors to serve in rural villages for minimum period of five years before registration of medical graduates;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) the number of vacant L.M.O. posts in the rural areas; and

(g) the action taken by the Governments to fill these vacancies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI) : (a) and (b) No survey on non-availability of qualified doctors and poor services in rural villages has been conducted. However, some posts of doctors are lying vacant in the Primary Health Centres and Community Health Centres situated in rural areas. Recruitment and posting of doctors in these Centres are the responsibility of State Governments.

(c) to (e) At present there is no such proposal under consideration as the Medical Council of India did not agree to an earlier suggestion for registration of medical graduates only after they have served in rural areas for a minimum period.

(f) and (g) In every Primary Health Centre, one post of Medical Officer, either male or female, is sanctioned. As per information available as on 31.12.1997, 626 Lady Medical Officers are working in 22,962 PHCs. In Community Health Centres, one Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, usually a lady doctor is posted; there are 644 vacancies of these specialists against 1309 posts as on 31.12.1997. State Governments are being requested from time to time to fill up the vacancies in rural hospitals.

Shortage of Sugar

6000. SHRI RAMPAL SINGH :
SHRI AMAR PAL SINGH :
SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK :
SHRI PANKAJ CHOUDHRY :
SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR :

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the sugar Industry has urged the Government not to import sugar for Public Distribution System shortage;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government have taken any decision to purchase sugar from the sugar mills to meet the shortage of sugar for the Public Distribution System;

(d) if so, the details of the quantity and rate at which it is likely to be purchased;

(e) whether a decision has been taken not to import sugar for which a deal has already been finalised;

(f) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;