

areas where there is shortage of doctors and health care needed most; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to remove the imbalance ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA):  
(a) and (b) Professional Council like Medical Council of India, Dental Council of India, Pharmacy Council of India and Indian Nursing Council ensure maintenance of minimum standard of medical and para-medical education in the country through periodical inspections of the educational institutions.

(c) and (d) There is shortage of doctors in rural areas. As per information available, 26930 doctors were working as on 30.6.1996 in Primary Health Centres in rural areas. The State/UT Governments have been advised to consider introducing regional decentralised recruitment policy for doctors for filling up vacancies of doctors in rural areas and reserving a certain percentage of post graduate seats for Medical Officers who have put in two to three years of service in rural areas.

#### Seabird Naval Base

5652. SHRI ANANTH KUMAR :  
SHRI S. BANGARAPPA :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the present position of proposed Seabird Naval Base at Karwar in Karnataka;

(b) by when it is scheduled to be completed as per the original plan;

(c) the extent of work completed so far and whether the work is behind schedule;

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

(e) the total funds provided by the Government for the said project ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) to (e) The first phase of the Project Seabird is scheduled to be completed by the year 2005. Most of the land required for Seabird Naval Base at Karwar has been acquired and the acquisition process is in Progress for the balance land. Tenders for the civil work have been invited. The work of the project is progressing as per schedule. The total amount of Rs. 1294.41 crores has been sanctioned for the project.

#### Rural Sports in Andhra Pradesh

5653. SHRIMATI SARADA TADIPARTHI : Will the

Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have released any funds during 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 so far for encouraging sports in rural areas and also for construction of stadia in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the funds released year-wise and the number of stadia, location-wise for which it was released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DHANUSHKODI ATHITHAN R.) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Funds released under the Department's scheme of Grants to Rural Schools, during 1994-95, 1996-96 and 1996-97 for procurement of non-consumable sports equipment and development of playfields in Schools located in rural areas in Andhra Pradesh are as under:-

1994-95	Rs. 9,91,533/- (10 schools)
1995-96	Rs. 3,51,499/- (4 schools)
1996-97	Rs. 3,81,173/- (4 schools)

Further, funds released under the Department's scheme of Grants for Creation of Sports Infrastructure, for construction of stadia, location-wise in Andhra Pradesh are as under :-

1994-95	NIL
1995-96	
1. Sports Complex at Gudivada, Distt. Krishna.	: Rs. 10,00,000/- (2nd & final instt.)
2. Indoor Stadium at Hindupur, Distt. Ananthapur	: Rs. 2,50,000/- (2nd & final instt.)
1996-97	: NIL

#### Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital

5654. SHRI AJAY CHAKRABORTY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of a mount spent on the renovation and modernisation of Nursing Home and other buildings in Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, New Delhi during the last three years;

(b) the authority under whose directive such renovation and modernisation work was undertaken;

(c) whether the hospital authorities have misappropriated huge quantum of funds in the name of modernisation of the hospital; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action being taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA):  
(a) and (b) The details of the amount spent on renovation and modernisation of Nursing Home and other Buildings by Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital during last three years is as follows :

CPWD (Civil)	Nrusing Home	Other Buildings
Under 4210	Rs. 19,20,827/-	Rs. 30,77,600/-
Under 2210	Rs. 5,17,483/-	Rs. 54,20,637/-
CPWD (Electrical)	Nil	Rs.4,65,959/-

The approval of competent authority was obtained for execution of above works.

Regarding modernisation of the nursing home and other buildings, an ultra-sound machine and a cardiac monitor purchased under German Aid, through Procurement Cell of DGHS, were added in addition to other equipment supplied in various Department i.e. ICU, CCU, etc.

(c) There is no such report.

(d) Does not arise.

#### Shortage of Manpower

5655. SHRI V.M. SUDHEERAN :  
SHRI N.K. PREMCHANDRAN :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Defence forces are facing deficiency in the field of Man Power and equipment; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to tide over this contingency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) The Government are conscious of the shortage of officer cadre in the Army and the need for strengthening and modernising of the equipment and weaponry of our armed forces.

(b)(i) The steps taken by the Government to address the problem of shortage of officers include introduction of University Entry Scheme, Direct entry of NCC 'C' certificate holders without going

through the UPSC examination, enhanced recruitment of permanent Commissioned Officers and Short Service Commissioned Officers, and introduction of women as officers in the service. A new scheme for induction of personnel below officer rank as commissioned officers has also been approved. A campaign through the media for highlighting the advantages of a career in the army is also being launched.

(ii) The strengthening and modernisation of the weaponry of our Armed Forces is attended to by the Government on a continuing basis to maintain the required level of defence preparedness.

#### UGC Scale in Government Medical Colleges

5656. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRA REDDY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal for implementing the UGC scales of pay in Government Medical Colleges;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the manner in which the Government propose to make jobs in medical service more attractive?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA):  
(a) to (c) University Grants Commission scales of pay have not been made applicable to the teaching cadre of medical colleges under the control of Central Government. Service matters of Central Health Service doctors including those in the teaching cadre of medical colleges, are reviewed from time to time and time-bound promotions have been allowed in the cadre.

#### Constitution of Empowered Committee by UGC

5657. SHRI GORDHANBHAI JAVIA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any empowered Committee has been constituted by the University Grants Commission to examine various issues; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) No, Sir,

(b) Does not arise.