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Haryana		Chandigarh
J&K		Jammu Srinagar
Kerala		Thiruvanthapuram
Karnataka		Bangalore
Maharashtra	Mumbai	Mumbai
Orissa		Bhubaneshwar
Punjab		Chandigarh
Rajasthan		Jaipur
Tamilnadu	Chennai	Chennai
Uttar Pradesh	Ghaziabad	Lucknow
West Bengal	Calcutta	Calcutta

MBBS Syllabus

2273. SHRI DADA BABURAO PARANJPE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Medical Council has taken a decision to revise MBBS syllabus from the ensuing academic session; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposed change?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) : (a) and (b) The Medical Council of India recommendations on Graduate Medical Education containing the curriculum of MBBS course was approved by the Central Government as a regulation under section 33 of the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 and this was conveyed to Medical Council of India (MCI) on 4.3.1997. The MCI regulation on Graduate Medical Education containing M.B.B.S. curriculum has been notified in the Part III, Section 4 of the Gazette of India on 17th May 1997. The MCI has circulated it amongst Universities for implementing the revised curriculum from the academic session 1997-98. As per the revised curriculum the four and a half years of M.B.B.S. Course has been scheduled as under:-

Three Phases	Existing duration of phase of Course	Revised duration of phases of Course
Phase I	1 1/2 Years	1 year (2 semesters)
Phase II	1 1/2 years	1 1/2 years (3 semesters)
Phase III	1 1/2 years	2 years (7 semesters)

Patel Commission

2274. SHRI MANOJ KUMAR SINHA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Patel Commission was set up for the most backward districts of the Eastern Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the main recommendations made by the said Commission;

(c) the names of the development schemes formulated by the Union Government for the development of backward districts on the basis of those recommendations;

(d) whether the Union Government have made arrangements for the re-evaluation of that area on the basis of Patel Commission; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI RATNAMALA D. SAVANOR) : (a) to (e) Yes Sir; A joint study team known as Patel Commission was set up in December, 1962 for the development of four eastern districts viz. Ghazipur, Azamgarh, Deoria and Jaunpur of Uttar Pradesh. The Patel Commission's recommendations basically relate to the Agriculture, Cooperation, Horticulture, Irrigation and Flood control, Minor Irrigation, Industries, P.W.D. (Roads and Bridges) departments. The State Government has reported that most of the recommendations have been implemented by the end of the Fourth Five Year Plan.

Planning and Development of an area and allocation of fund for this purpose is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Government. Union Government have not made any arrangement for evaluation of the schemes undertaken for development of the four eastern districts since it is primarily the work of the State Government. PA

State Government since have set up Purvanchal Vikas Nidhi during 1991 for the development of Eastern region which interalia includes reduction of regional disparities.

[English]

Respiratory Infections

2275. SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI NAVINCHANDRA MEHTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether respiratory tract infection is one of the commonest reason for the deaths of infants and children in the country;

(b) whether the drug being dispensed in some of the