[English]

Medical Services in U.P. Hospitals

387. SHRI JANG BAHADUR SINGH PATEL : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "U.P. main sarkari aspatalon ki chikitsa suvidha mehngi" appearing in 'Dainik Jagaran' dated January 16, 1997;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) the steps the Government propose to take to make the health care available in the Government hospitals in U.P. free of cost to the public ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Vocational Institutions in Assam

388. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to set up more technical and vocational institutions in Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (c) The All India Council for Technical Education has not received any proposal from the State Government of Assam. Similarly, the Department of Education has not received any proposal under the Scheme of Vocationalisation of Secondary Education for 1996-97. There is, therefore, no proposal under consideration to set up more technical or vocational institutions in the State.

[Translation]

Training to Doctors

389. KUMARI UMA BHARATI : SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY : SHRIMATI KETAKI DEVI SINGH :

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

(a) whether the Government propose to organise any workshop for the doctors deprived of modern training;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which the said workshop is likely to $\ensuremath{\mathsf{be}}$ organised; and

(d) the number of doctors likely to be benefited from the organisation of the said workshop ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (d) The institutions under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare are organising CME training programme/workshops in various disciplines periodically to update the knowledge and skills of doctors in terms of the latest developments in the medical field. In addition, doctors are also being awarded WHO fellowships for training programmes abroad, which facilitates them to acquaint themselves with the latest developments in the medical fields in other countries and to exchange information with their counterparts. These are continuing activities dependent upon availability of resources. Efforts are being made to cover the maximum number of doctors possible within the resources available.

[English]

Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme

390. SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the names of States where Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme is proposed to be implemented:

(b) whether Orissa is likely to be included in the programme in view of drought situation; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) The Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme is proposed to be implemented;

(b) whether Orissa is likely to be included in the programme in view of drought situation; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) The Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme is proposed to be implemented in all the States and Union Territories of India.

(b) and (c) Orissa is included in the programme and an amount of Rs. 92.10 crores has been approved for the four projects of the State. Out of this, an amount of Rs. 46.05 crores has been released as first instalment.

Funds for Family Welfare to A.P.

391. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :