

who are advised from time to time to fill up such gaps in the rural health infrastructure and personnel.

[Translation]

#### Closure of Industries

4071. SHRI SHAILENDRA KUMAR :  
SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the reasons for closure of Triveni Engineering Industries Limited, Allahabad and Modistone Limited, Bombay;

(b) whether a tripartite talks at the level of Labour Secretary, Labour Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner, have been held for this illegal closure of industries;

(c) if so, the main points of the talks; and

(d) the measures taken by the Government for lifting the closure of those industries and the offices?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA) : (a) to (d) As per the information available with this Ministry the reasons cited for closure of Triveni Engineering Industries Limited, Allahabad are lack of adequate orders and financial loss. Whereas the reasons for closure of Modistone Limited, Bombay as cited by the Management are Workers indiscipline, insubordination etc. Tripartite meetings held in the presence of Labour Minister, Govt. of U.P., Labour Commissioner, Deputy Labour Commissioner, Govt. of U.P. on the issue of reopening of the Triveni Engineering Industries and restarting the production process ended in failure. The meeting called by the Labour Commissioner, Govt. of Maharashtra to resolve the dispute in Modistone Limited was not attended by the management side, resulting into a dead lock. The State Govt. of U.P. have initiated prosecution proceedings against the management of the Triveni Engineering Industries Limited for illegal closure and the Collector, Allahabad has been issued Recovery Certificate for the payment of outstanding dues of the workers amounting to Rs. 14,12,153/- to the workers.

#### Trade with Neighbouring Countries

4072. SHRI K.A. SANGTAM : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have envisaged any plans to encourage trade with neighbouring countries in the North-East, particularly on the border of Nagaland and Myanmar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps being taken in this regard; and

(d) the funds allocated for improvement/laying of border roads to facilitate easy transportation and the trade related facilities?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI) : (a) to (c) The Government have taken a number of steps to encourage trade with Myanmar. The Border Trade Agreement with Myanmar provides for border trade to be initially conducted through Moreh in Manipur and Champhai in Mizoram. While the border trade with Myanmar in Manipur sector has been operationalised with effect from 12.4.95, the border trade in Mizoram sector is yet to be operationalised for want of a positive response from the Myanmar side. According to the information made available by the Ministry of Commerce, border trade with Myanmar through other places including Nagaland is to be considered at subsequent stage. In order to facilitate residents in the border areas on both the sides to meet their day to day living requirements, it has been agreed that places for arranging weekly hats (Bazar) in the border region will be identified and further action to make these hats functional will be initiated. In Nagaland, the village identified are Lungwa in Mon district and Pangsha and Pongro in Tuensang district.

(d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

#### Blackmarketing of Petrol/Diesel

4073. SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that large quantity of petrol/diesel earmarked for distribution at Mahe in Pondicherry is being diverted to certain petrol bunkers in Cannanore and Calicut districts of Kerala for black marketing; and

(b) If so, the action taken/proposed to be taken against such blackmarketees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR) : (a) No, Sir. No case of diversion of petrol/diesel earmarked for distribution at Mahe in Pondicherry to Cannanore and Calicut districts of Kerala have been reported to the Government.

(b) Does not arise.

#### Gap Between Doctor-Population Ratio

4074. SHRI ASHOK NAMDEORAO MOHOL :  
SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY :  
SHRI K.P. NAIDU :

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

(a) whether there is a big gap between doctor-population ratio at present;