

(c) and (d) There are no major saving against the allocation of budget of Dr. R.M.L. Hospital during the last three years. The details of Budget Estimates, Revised Estimates and Actual expenditure for the last three years are given in the enclosed Statement.

(e) Yes, Sir. The Cardiology Department in the hospital was established in 1982. A Cath Lab. was installed in May, 1993 and had become operational in

August, 1993. Efforts are being made to upgrade Cardiology and Cardio Thoracic Surgery at Dr. R.M.L. Hospital and Safdarjung Hospital. A Senior Cardio-Thoracic Surgeon has joined in the hospital on 27.11.98.

(f) and (g) No, Sir. Some of the equipment have been purchased to provide stand by facility during the procedures undertaken in the Cath Lab.

Statement

Expenditure of DR. R.M.L. Hospital, New Delhi for the Last 8 Years

(Rupees in crores)

Financial Year		B.E. Expenditure	R.E.	Actual	Savings	Remarks
1995-96	Plan	6.05	6.20 (A)	5.11 (B)*	1.09	(A) Including Rs. 1.13 Crores of German Aid component to be used by PAO, DGHS for purchase of various equipments. (B) This excludes the expenditure done by PAO on account of German Aid Equipments.
	Non-Plan	18.43	20.00	21.51*	—	
1996-97	Plan	7.06	7.06	6.63	0.43 (C)	(c) Saving is due to non-filling of vacant posts and non-receipts of bills.
	Non-Plan	25.20	24.20	24.68	0.52 (C)	
1997-98	Plan	8.11	9.46	9.36	0.10	
	Non-Plan	23.25	27.53	27.48	0.05	

Note : Actual expenditure includes funds placed at the disposal of PAC, DGHS & PAO Ministry of Urban Development.

*The excess expenditure over and above the RE has been incurred in accordance with the sanction of funds issued by the Competent Authority at the final estimate stage.

Welfare Scheme Executed by ICMR

404. SHRI RAVI SITA RAM NAIK : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the several schemes of family welfare and tribal schemes of health and family welfare have been executed by the ICMR in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; State-wise;

(c) the amount spent to implement these schemes during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(d) whether any action taken by the Government to review the implementation of schemes;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI) (a) to (f) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Lok Sabha.

[Translation]

LPG Connections

405. SHRI BAIJNATH RAWAT :

SHRI R.S. GOVAI :

SHRI AJAY MUKHOPADHYAY :

SHRI RAMA CHANDRA MALLICK :

SHRI RAM TAHAL CHAUDHARY :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have seashed LPG connections target for 1998-99;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of consumers on the waiting list for LPG connections at present, State-wise.

(d) the number of new connections released on priority basis during each of the last two year, State-wies; and

(e) the action proposed to be taken for early clearance of waiting list?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR) : (a) and (b) Government have approved the release of 25 lakh new connections and 25 lakhs DBCs for the year 1998-99 through PSU Oil Companies against 40 lakh target for 1997-98. Lower enrolment has been planned, on account of non operation of Mumbai and Vizag import facilities and disruption of LPG import facilities at Kandla due to cyclone in around June, July, August, 98. It is planned to increase the target to around 35 lakhs now by arranging higher imports through available facilities.

(c) The number of persons in the waiting list registered with the distributors of Public Sector Oil Cos in the country as on 1.10.98 was about 137.5 lakhs.

(d) The details of number of LPG connections/DBC released by PSU Oil Companies in the country during the last two years including priorities against MP's quota, Taj Trapezium, Tatkal Scheme, Hill area etc., against 40 lakh target for 1997-98 are given below :

Year	New Connection Released (Lakhs)	DBC Released (Lakhs)
1996-97	23.4	22.41
1997-98	41.4	38.06

Year	No. of Air journeys	State/Country visited	Reason for journey	Amt. spent (Rs.)	Expenses borne by
1	2	3	4	5	6
1996-97	2	Karnataka	To accompany Minister/MOS on Official visit	16,011	Ministry
	12	Tamil Nadu	-do-	1,35,866	-do-
	2	Maharashtra	-do-	15,448	-do-
	1	Bihar	-do-	6,870	-do-
		Total		1,74,195	
	2	Gujarat	-do-	15,390	IOC
1997-98					
Domestic	2	Karnataka	-do-	21,080	Ministry
	21	Tamil Nadu	-do-	2,55,124	-do-

(e) Release of new connections against the waiting list depends inter-alla upon product availability, slack available with the existing distributors, minimum sustainable allocation to newly commissioned distributors, unviable distributors etc., With the expected higher availability of LPG through imports and indigenous production, more connections are planned to be released in future and it is expected to clear the entire waiting list by the year 2000-2001.

Air Journeys By Ministry Personnel

406. SHRI AMAN KUMAR NAGRA :

SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR YADAV :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of air journeys undertaken by the personal staff of the Minister during each of the last two years alongwith the States and Countries visited by them;

(b) the reasons for undertaking such journeys;

(c) the amount spent on each journey, year-wise;

(d) whether the expenses were borne by the Ministry or any company; and

(e) If so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR) : (a) to (e) Expenditure incurred on Air Journeys undertaken by personal staff of Minister/Minister of State, Petroleum and Natural Gas during 1996-98