

(c) the time by which the lying vacancies are likely to be filled up ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Abnormal Deliveries

443. SHRI K.P. MOHAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether 30 per cent abnormal deliveries cause epilepsies in the newly born babies in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Ayurvedic treatment achieved 95% success in curing this disease; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to promote Ayurvedic treatment for the said disease ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI) : (a) and (b) Epilepsy is caused by several conditions including trauma suffered by the newborn during abnormal deliveries. The exact proportion of cases of epilepsy caused due to abnormal deliveries is not available.

(c) and (d) The Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha has developed a drug code named 'Ayush-56' which has shown promising results in the treatment of epilepsy. The drug has been patented by the Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha and commercialised through the National Research Development Corporation. It is being manufactured by a number of private pharmaceutical firms.

[Translation]

Petrol Pumps in H.P.

444. SHRI SURESH CHANDEL :

SHRI RAJVEER SINGH :

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

(a) whether there are no adequate facilities for setting up LPG agencies, petrol and diesel pumps in hilly areas of Himachal Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh and the petrol pumps are only available in the selected cities of the States;

(b) if so, whether the Government have re-

ceived any proposal from the local M.Ps for setting up of petrol pumps in far flung areas of the States;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which these proposals are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR) : (a) to (d) Requests are received from time to time from MPs/VIPs for setting up Petrol Pumps and LPG distributorships, in different areas. As per existing policy, retail outlet dealerships and LPG distributorships are opened at different places in the country including hilly areas of U.P. and Himachal Pradesh, subject to the feasibility and economic viability of the location. Accordingly, viable locations are included in the marketing plans for appointment of dealers/distributors under normal selection procedure of issue of advertisement and selection through the Dealer Selection Board. In addition to the above, in order to conserve forests in hilly areas of UP and Himachal Pradesh, large number of LPG distributorships and extension points have been allotted direct to the State Government undertakings.

Increase in Facilities for Patients in AIIMS

445. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of patients admitted, treated and surgical operations operated upon daily in AIIMS and the number of patients get deprived of these facilities;

(b) whether the Government propose to review the information collected from the patients in the said hospital;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the efforts made so far to increase the facilities for patients in the said hospital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI) : (a) The number of patients admitted, treated and surgical operations operated daily during the year 1997-98 in the Institute are 6326, 344 and 352 respectively.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.