

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (e). The NCR Planning Board had proposed an outlay of Rs. 867 crores (Rs. 467 crores in the Central; Sector and Rs. 400 crores in the State Sector) during the Seventh Plan period. However, only Rs. 65 crores (Rs. 35 crores in the Central Sector and Rs. 30 crores in the State Sector) was actually provided in the 7th Plan. As against this, the expenditure has exceeded Rs. 79 crores (including release of Rs. 34.62 crores by the Centre). The expenditure incurred by the State Governments and their implementing agencies stood at Rs. 44.75 crores as on 31st December, 1989 upto which date the figures are presently available.

For the 8th Plan period, NCR Planning Board has prepared an Investment Plan of Rs. 2900 crores (Rs. 1750 crores in the Central Sector and Rs. 1150 crores in the State Sector). Allocations have been finalised only for the first year (1990-91) of the 8th Plan period and Rs. 10 crores have been provided for the first year of the 8th Plan. Figures in the State Sector have not been received.

[*Translation*]

Accupuncture for Treatment of Myopathy

9027. SHRI SHEO SHARAN VERMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce Accupuncture method of treatment for cure of myopathy;

(b) if so, the time by which this facility would be made available; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) to (c). As Accupuncture has not been found useful in Myo-

nia and other disorders of Neuro Muscular Transmission, there is no proposal to introduce Accupuncture as a method of treatment in Myopathy.

Request from Malaysia for Recruitment of Doctors

9028. SHRI SHEO SHARAN VERMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any request from Government of Malaysia for recruitment of doctors and medical specialists;

(b) if so, the number of doctors and medical specialists proposed to be sent to Malaysia; and

(c) the criteria fixed for their appointment?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The Malaysian Government has requested for 99 doctors and medical specialists. Their request is being examined and the selection will be on the basis of qualification and experience in the respective fields of specialisation and relative merit. While making selection, Government policies of the foreign assignment would also be kept in mind.

[*English*]

Filling up of Vacant Posts

9029. SHRI JAGANATH SINGH:
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state: