

(c) how many institutions are financed in Kerala State;

(d) whether there is any proposal to finance more institutions in the State of Kerala; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI USHA SINHA): (a) and (b). Under the Scheme of Assistance for Construction/Expansion of Hostel Building for Working Women with a Day-care Centre of Children, assistance is provided to the extent of 50% of the cost of land and 75% of the cost of construction of the building or purchase of ready-constructed buildings, on the same pattern, to Voluntary Organisations, Public Trusts, Local Bodies, Women Development Corporations, Universities, Schools/Colleges of Social Work.

(c) Since inception of the Programme in 1972-73, 101 hostels to provide accommodation to 8617 working women with day-care centre facilities for 1480 children in 55 hostels in Kerala have been funded by the Government of India.

(d) and (e). State/Union territory-wise allocation of projects and funds is not made under the Scheme. Projects are sanctioned on receipt of the proposals from eligible organisations through State Government/ Union Territory Administration concerned.

[*Translation*]

Ritinitis Pigmentosa

10178. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government

has been drawn to the availability of medicine in the soviet Union for the treatment of Ritinitis Pigmentosa disease;

(b) if so, the effective steps taken by Government to import the medicine therefor to cure this diseases; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c). Dr. Rajendra Prasad Centre for Ophthalmic Sciences, New Delhi is having exchange programme with the HELMOLTZ Institute of Eye diseases, Moscow, which administers this drug treatment to Retinitis Pigmentosa patients. The Plan of Action between the two Institutes envisages joint clinical trial for the use of this drug. The drug has not been made available to Dr. Rajendra Prasad Centre for Ophthalmic Sciences for trial yet.

[*English*]

Committee for FPI and Deep Sea fishing

10179. SHRI PRAKASH KOKO BRAHMBHATT: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether small sub-committees to go into the specific problems of the deep sea fishing and the fruits and the vegetables processing industries are likely to be set up in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a)