

institutions. This is my direct question to the Health Minister.

**SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI ;**  
There is no proposal to take over all these mental hospitals by the Central Government. There are only two institutions at present which are under the Central Government.

**Malnutrition amongst Children and Pregnant Women**

\*76. **DR. T. KALPANA DEVI :** Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that malnutrition in the country is prevalent on a large scale amongst children and pregnant women ;

(b) whether Government have any programme to appoint specially trained Health visitors etc. to combat this problem.

(c) whether Government have carried out a study to gauge the dimension of malnutrition among rural/urban areas separately ;

(d) if so, the results of the study conducted : and

(e) how many trained Health Visitors are working in the country separately in rural and urban areas, State-wise ?

**THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI) :** (a) to (c) A statement is given below.

**Statement**

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) All the peripheral level workers working in the Health and health-related sphere like Anganwadi workers, ANMs and Lady Health Visitors are trained to provide the nutrition and health services to the community.

(c) & (d) The Indian Council of Medical Research has established the National Nutrition Monitoring Bureau in 10 different states to assess the dimension of malnutrition in rural and urban areas. These results are published as annual reports of the bureau every year.

Some of the significant findings of the latest (1982) reports are as under :

(i) About 35% of the pre-school children suffer from moderate degree of malnutrition and about 6.1% from a high degree of malnutrition ;

(ii) In general, body weight status of girls was better than boys ;

(iii) Most commonly observed nutritional deficiency signs were those of protein Energy Malnutrition (PEN) and vitamin A and B Complex deficiency.

(e) The break-up of the trained Lady Health Visitors working in the country are as under :

Name of the State	In Rural Areas	In Urban Areas
1. Andhra Pradesh	1562	74
2. Assam	210	30
3. Bihar	1577	42
4. Gujarat	928	45
5. Haryana	338	20
6. Himachal Pradesh	337	12
7. J & K	67	16
8. Karnataka	1000	44
9. Kerala	515	30

Name of the State	In Rural Areas	In Urban Areas
10. Madhya Pradesh	1215	93
11. Maharashtra	4779	525
12. Manipur	42	2
13. Meghalaya	46	2
14. Nagaland	21	—
15. Orissa	730	22
16. Punjab	651	27
17. Rajasthan	486	64
18. Sikkim	8	—
19. Tamil Nadu	1797	47
20. Tripura	35	2
21. Uttar Pradesh	3072	203
22. West Bengal	715	153
23. A&N Islands	4	3
24. Arunachal Pradesh	—	—
25. Chandigarh	2	3
26. D&N Haveli	5	—
27. Delhi (MCD)	28	—
28. Goa, Daman & Diu	16	—
29. Lakshdweep	—	—
30. Mizoram	63	4
31. Pondicherry	14	2
TOTAL : 20263		1465

DR. T. KALPANA DEVI : What are the measures and media taken to make aware of the rural population, particularly among the children regarding mal-nutrition which is prevalent in the country ? What measures have been taken by the Government for the effective implementation of the programme ? What measures have been taken to control moderate degree of malnutrition prevailing in 35% of pre-school going children and 6.1% high degree of malnutrition prevalent among the pre-going children in the rural areas ? How are you managing with the two types of degrees of malnutrition prevalent among the children, particularly in rural areas ?

SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI : There are many measures which have been taken up through our I.C.D.C. programme as also through our health education programme in schools at different curriculum levels and in the educational institutions. There are many things which have been included at the primary and higher education levels. Through our I.C.D.C. that is, Integrated Child Development Centres, we are taking up these programmes to give nutritious food to the children and also educate the mothers of the children through adult education and non-formal education programmes. Through all these things,

we are trying to educate the women especially.

#### Sale of Rail tickets in Blackmarket

\*78. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH : SHRI KAMLA PRASAD RAWAT : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to states :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appearing in Indian Express dated 26 October, 1985 under the caption "Rail tickets black-marketing galore"; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL) ;

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is a fact that some unauthorised travel agents are carrying on business in securing rail tickets and reservations on behalf of passengers on realising service charges from them. The Supreme Court has directed introduction of a scheme for Authorisation of Rail Travellers' Service Agents by the Railways. The requisite scheme has since been finalised and issued to the Railways, who have been directed to select suitable travel agents who may be authorised to do this work.

#### WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

#### National Health Education Programme

\*62. SHRI CHITTA MAHATA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Health Education Programme has made little progress in imparting correct knowledge about protection against various infectious diseases like tuberculosis, cholera, typhoid and polio ; and

(b) if so, to what extent the progress has been made in each State and, if not, the reasons therefore and what further steps Government propose to take in this regard during the Seventh Five Year Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI) :

(a) and (b) A statement is given below.

#### Statement

(a) and (b) Health Education programme is carried out in the States by the respective State Health Departments. The Central Government provides facilities for training and acts as a technical resource through the Central Health Education Bureau, New Delhi. The level and quality of implementation of Health Education programme in all States is not uniform. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare propose to develop and promote Health Education services further during the Seventh Five-Year Plan period by intensifying the training activities in Central Health Education Bureau. For imparting correct knowledge about protection against various infectious diseases like Tuberculosis, Polio, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus and Measles, a programme for Universal Immunisation has been launched. Health Education is an important component of Universal Immunisation Programme.

#### Model Schools in each District

\*64. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have drawn up any programme for opening model national schools in each district of the country so as to provide instructions to the academically brilliant children of the rural areas ;

(b) if so, the main characteristics of the programme and the names of the districts selected for this purpose ; and

(c) the likely date by which the schools would be opened ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) :

(a) and (b) The Government of India propose to establish model schools one in each district with the following main characteristics :