

8.6. Demographers hold the view that the goal of NRR of 1 can be achieved if we reach a couple protection rate of 60% on the basis of our experience so far we find that although the couple protection rate is going up, the birth rate figures have not yet started declining. There is need, to empirically varify, this important basic assumption that 60% C.P.R. will lead to N.R.R.I.

8.7. The Councils further recognised the need for research studies of macro and micro nature with a view to get continuous feed back in the progress of the programme and the need and nature of mid-term corrections.

[Translation]

UGC Scheme to Improve Working of Universities

*79. SHRI VIJOY KUMAR YADAV : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state .

(a) whether the University Grants Commission has formulated any new scheme to improve the working of universities and to remove the irregularities in the examinations ;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which Government propose to introduce the said scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) : (a) and (b). The UGC has formulated regulations under the UGC Act specifying the minimum standards of instruction for the grant of BA/B.Sc/B.Com. degrees by the Universities. These regulations prescribe that every university should ensure that the number of actual teaching days does not go below 180 in an academic year ; that the universities should adopt the guidelines issued by the UGC from time to time in regard to the conduct of examinations; that teachers who do not fulfil the minimum qualifications prescribed by the Commission are not appointed to teaching posts; and that the workload of teachers should be prescribed in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Commission.

(c) These regulations are proposed to be brought into force from June 1, 1986.

[English]

Evaluation of the Progress of Reorientation of Medical Education Scheme.

*80. SHRI BHOLA NATH SEN :

SHRI MOHANBHAI PATEL :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have evaluated progress of the Reorientation of Medical Education (ROME) scheme launched in 1977 to improve involvement of medicos and young doctors in rural health care;

(b) if so, the results/findings thereof ; and

(c) the details of assistance being given to each State under the scheme by the Centre ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

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

Statement

(b) The main findings of the evaluation were as under :

- (i) that by and large, most of the institutions had started implementing the schemes in the right spirit ;
- (ii) that the institutions had not yet consolidated fully the first phase of the programme and required additional financial assistance ;
- (iii) that there was need for providing a vehicle to each medical college for transporting staff and students to the PHC ;
- (iv) that permanent garaging facilities should be provided for the mobile clinics ;

(c) Each medical college is entitled to receive the following financial assistance from the Central Government under the ROME Scheme in addition to three mobile clinics each costing Rs. 8.50 lakhs provided under the U.K. Aid Programme,