

### **Training of Personnel for Water Pollution Control**

\*52. SHRI ANIL BASU: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are enough trained personnel in the country to monitor prevention and control of water pollution; and

(b) if not, the measures being taken for imparting training to meet requirement of trained personnel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI): (a) and (b). Adequate number of qualified scientific and technical personnel to monitor water pollution is available in the country. However, training in some aspects of advanced techniques, operation and maintenance of sophisticated treatment plants, and handling of special equipment is necessary. The Central Board for the Prevention and Control of Water Pollution conducts and sponsors programmes for necessary training of the personnel of the Central and State Boards. Some training facilities abroad are also utilised under bilateral and other assistance programmes.

### **Special Training to Medical and Para-Medical Personnel for Leprosy Treatment**

\*53. SHRI JAGANNATH PATNAIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a large percentage of the medical and para-medical personnel in the country do not possess requisite knowledge and training in regard to the treatment and care of leprosy;

(b) if so, whether Government have

undertaken or propose to undertake any special training programme to equip the medical and paramedical personnel with the requisite knowledge and training for treatment and care for leprosy patient; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTILAL VORA): (a) Out of 18572 leprosy workers both medical and para-medical, in position under National Leprosy Eradication Programme, 80 per cent have been trained in Leprosy. 48 Leprosy Training Centres run both in the Government and non-Governmental Sector provide training to various categories of leprosy workers like Medical Officers, Non-Medical Supervisors, Para-Medical Workers, Health Educators, etc.

(b) and (c). The following measures have been taken to overcome the shortage of trained leprosy workers.

(i) The State Governments have been requested to identify more Leprosy Training Centres for training of Non-Medical Supervisors.

(ii) Existing facilities of the Leprosy Training Centres have recently been augmented to increase the intake capacity.

(iii) Five Central Training Centres and three identified voluntary training centers have been requested to increase the capacity of N.M.S. Training Courses.

(iv) States have been requested not to transfer the trained Medical Officers to other programmes.

(v) The course curriculum has been revised and duration of various training courses has been reduced.