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Financial Assistance to Lala Ram Swarup T.B. Hospital

*827. SHRI RAJ KARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be please to state:

(a) whether Lala Ram Swarup T.B. Hospital is facing acute financial crisis and its building is in a very bad shape;

(b) whether the T.B. Association of India has passed a resolution showing its inability to run the hospital and requested Union Government to take over the hospital and run it as a Government Institution; and

(c) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE):

(a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) A proposal for Government take-over of the Hospital is under consideration in this Ministry.

Survival Rate of Trees under Social Forestry Scheme

*828 DR. CHANDRA SHEKHAR TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the survival rate of trees planted under social forestry scheme is quite low; and

(b) if so, the steps contemplated to ensure higher survival rate to achieve the objective in view?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI): (a) According to a special study organised recently by the National Wastelands Development Board in five States, the survival rate of plantations done between 1983-84 to 1987-

88 has been as follows:

State	Average survival percentage
Gujarat	63.64
Karnataka	79.39
Tamil Nadu	60.57
Uttar Pradesh	60.69
West Bengal	67.56

Thus, it cannot be said in a general way that the survival rate is quite low.

(b) With a view to securing higher survival rates, the implementing agencies have been advised to pay greater attention to choice of proper species, planting technique, after-care, promoting people's involvement, special protection measures. etc.

Setting up of New Medical Universities

*829. SHRI MOHANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Medical universities functioning in the country and their location, State-wise;

(b) whether any Medical University has been opened as recommended by the Medical Review Committee; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b). Two such Universities have been established, one at Vijayawada by Andhra Pradesh Government and another at Madras by Tamil Nadu Government.

(c) The recommendations of the Medical Education Review Committee as accepted by the Government of India were