

Role of Voluntary Organisations in Health Care Delivery

*385. SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an expert group had been formed as a follow-up of the workshop on "Role of Voluntary Organisations in Health Care Delivery" held in Delhi in January, 1988;

(b) if so, the recommendations of this group; and

(c) the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) The Director General of Health Services formed a Working Group under the Chairmanship of Additional Director General (Public Health).

(b) and (c). The Working Group met twice and evolved provisional recommendations. It also suggested the setting up of a panel. Govt. have accordingly decided to set up a Steering Committee.

Proposal to Shift Sericulture Research Station

*386. SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been decided to shift the Regional Sericulture Research Station from Kashipore to Ayodhya in the district of Purulia, West Bengal; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE

MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) and (b). It is clarified that Central Silk Board (CSB) had a Research Extension Centre at Kashipore in Purulia District of West Bengal and not Regional Sericulture Research Station as mentioned in the question. CSB has set up a network of Research Extension Centres in various states of the country for dissemination of the sericulture technology developed by the Research Institutes/Stations of the Board. As per decision taken in consultation with the Planning Commission, the concerned State Governments are expected to take over such RECs after a period of 5 years so that CSB may shift its RECs for dissemination of technology in new areas. Accordingly, CSB has decided to head over the farm and infrastructure created at REC, Kashipore (Purulia District) to the State Government of West Bengal and shifted its activities to Ayodhya Hill in the same district for popularising Bivoltine Silk production in that area. Consequently the extension requirements of Kashipore area are now to be met by the State Government of West Bengal.

Expert Committee for Jute Mills

*387. SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJU:
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of jute mills lying closed at present;

(b) the total loss of production suffered due to the closure of these mills;

(c) whether Union Government had appointed an Expert Committee to look into the reasons for their closure;

(d) whether any suggestions have been received from the Expert Committee; and