

energy conservation in sub-sectors of transportation; and

(b) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) There was no all-India meeting but an inter-ministerial meeting was held to review with representatives of concerned departments and organisations, the progress in Implementation of measures of energy conservation in sub-sectors of transportation falling within the purview of Ministry of Surface Transport.

(b) Noting the fact that earlier efforts by STUs have yielded encouraging results by way of savings in HSD, it was decided that the STUs should have action-plans to ensure steps for improvements in maintenance practices, driver training, fitting of speed control devices, induction of light weight buses etc. The schemes of modernisation of IWT sector already underway were decided to be speeded up.

Amount Released for Adult Education

*145. SHRI SALEEM I. SHERVANI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount actually released by Government for the scheme of Adult Education during the years 1985-86 and 1986-87; and

(b) the achievements made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI): (a) An amount of Rs. 41.51 crores and Rs. 43.64 crores were released under the various schemes of Adult Education during 1985-86 and 1986-87 respectively.

(b) According to the reports received in the Directorate of Adult Education from State Governments/Union Territories Administrations, the position of enrolment and persons made literate during 1985-86 and 1986-87 is as follows:-

<i>Year</i>	<i>No. of Adult Education Centres</i>	<i>Enrolment</i>	<i>Persons made literate</i>
1	2	3	4
1985-86	2,32,703	66.53 lakhs	47.26 lakhs
1986-87	2,45,589	77.02 lakhs	44.65 lakhs

In addition, during 1986-87; 4,20,558 learners were enrolled under the Mass Programme for Functional Literacy (MPFL) by 2,12,685 NSS and Non-NSS student volunteers.

[*Translation*]

Shortage of Essential Equipments in Operation Theatres of Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital

*146. SHRI RAJ KUMAR RAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WEL-

FARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is shortage of essential equipments in operation theatres in Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital;

(b) whether it has resulted in postponement of operations several times;

(c) If so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken to overcome the shortage of essential equipments?

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

(a) Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital has got 5 Main Operation Theatres, 2 Minor Operation Theatres and One Septic Operation Theatre. The Hospital has the capacity to undertake surgery in the following fields:-

1. General surgery.
2. Orthopaedics.
3. Neuro-surgery.
4. Ophthalmic surgery.
5. E.N.T.
6. Dental surgery.
7. Obstt. & Gynaecology.
8. Reconstructive surgery.

All the operation theatres are having the essential equipment needed. One operation theatre, however, is presently under renovation.

(b) and (c). Postponement of the operations sometimes take place because of :-

- 1) Patient factor — Due to patients having fever, cough, hypertension, unsatisfactorily controlled Diabetes, non-availability of blood, etc.
- 2) Unexpected prolongation of an earlier operation.

3) Priority is given to Emergencies or relatively Urgent cases e.g. those suffering from Cancer or other life threatening situation are given preference to cases where postponement of surgery would not lead to deterioration of patient's condition such as uncomplicated Hernia, Hydrocoele, etc.

4) Infection — Detection of evidence of Tetanus or Gas Gangrene in a case who was earlier in that O.T. necessitating closure of the operation theatre for fumigation and sterilisation.

5) Unexpected Holiday.

6) Strike by medical/para-medical staff.

7) Abrupt failure of water supply.

(d) The following steps are being taken to prevent postponement of operations:-

1) Regular bacteriological tests are being done to detect any infection in the theatres with a view to avoid closure of theatres.

2) Because of the persistent efforts undertaken by the hospital authorities and the Ministry with the New Delhi Municipal Corporation and the Central Public Works Department, the water supply position has considerably improved.

3) Constant efforts are being made to replace worn-out equipment and to modernize the existing facilities.