

(a) As there is no central registration for students seeking admission to under-graduate science courses and it is open to them to apply to any number of colleges and seek admission wherever available there is considerable overlap and it is not possible for the university to indicate the exact number of students who sought admission to under-graduate courses. The number of students who have been actually admitted is yet to be compiled. It is, however a fact that the number of students who had passed Senior School Certificate Examination from Delhi this year and were eligible for admission to under-graduate science courses was far higher than the number of seats available in the colleges affiliated to Delhi University.

(b) and (c). The University proposed to add 933 seats in science courses. Out of this, 493 seats have already been added in the B.Sc. Honours—Physics and Chemistry and B.Sc. General—Group A. The question of adding another 440 seats is under correspondence between the University of Delhi and the University Grants Commission.

(d) The matter is exclusively for the University of Delhi to deal with, in consultation with the University Grants Commission. Government does not come into the picture.

Causes and Treatment of Conjunctivitis

*79. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL:

SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA:

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

(a) whether Conjunctivitis broke out in the Capital in an epidemic form recently, if so, whether any expert study of the causes and its treatment both preventive and curative was conducted and its results made known to the suffering public;

(b) whether there was a conflicting version of the causes viz., bacterial or viral infection among the experts;

(c) whether the Capital experienced a shortage of eye drops for the disease; if so, whether any investigation has been made in this aspect also, if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) No, Sir. There are no specific equip the C.G.H.S. dispensaries with anti-viral or anti-infections eye drops; and

(e) if so, whether any responsibility for this lapse has been fixed, and if so, its outcome and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes Sir. Technical opinion has largely favoured viral etiology of this disease.

(c) No specific treatment is known for this disease. Treatment is given to relieve the symptoms by decongestant and astringent drops and in some cases other drugs like anti-biotics and corticosteroids. There has been some shortage of all types of eye drops as people started self medication.

(d) No, Sir. There are no specific anti-viral drops for this type of conjunctivitis. Anti-infective eye drops were provided to C.G.H.S. dispensaries.

(e) Does not arise.

Reservation for Handicapped Children in Kendriya Schools

*80. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN:
SHRI N. E. HORO:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have fixed some quota for the Handicapped children for admission in Kendriya