

smoking is gaining popularity among the younger educated generation at a galloping rate;

(b) if so, whether any study has been made in this regard; and

(c) if so, the percentage of the number of cigarette smokers age-wise and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c). There has not been any study to ascertain whether cigarette smoking is gaining the popularity amongst the younger educated generation in the country.

Centralised Accident and Trauma Service in India

*382. SHRI GHULAM RASOOL KOCHACK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's first Centralised Accident and Trauma Service in treating road accident victims on an emergency basis has been set up;

(b) if so, whether Medical Institute has formulated any plans for CATS and forwarded it to the Planning Commission for its approval;

(c) expenditure to be involved on this scheme per year; and

(d) when the scheme is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (d). The All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, have drawn up a scheme of Centralised Accident and Trauma Service for Delhi involving a non-recurring outlay of about Rs. 15 crores at current costs. The scheme will be taken up for sanction as soon as the needed resources are identified.

20,000 Rare manuscripts in bad shape

*383. SHRI B. V. DESAI: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been reported in the *Times of India* dated 4 December, 1982 that nearly 20,000 rare manuscripts collected from various parts of the country since the early thirties are gathering dust at the Scindia oriental Institute in Ujjain (Bhopal) and these manuscripts are in a very bad shape;

(b) if so, whether Government have enquired into all these allegations; and

(c) if so, what action Union Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL):

(a) Yes, Sir. The above mentioned press report is, however, not factually correct. There are 17,731 manuscripts in Scindia Oriental Institute, Ujjain and these are all properly processed and preserved in steel Almirahas and therefore are free from dust.

(b) The Scindia Oriental Institute is a part of Vikram University, Ujjain which comes under the jurisdiction of State Government of Madhya Pradesh. It is understood that the Government of Madhya Pradesh have been moved by the Vikram University to appoint a High Powered Committee for assessment and development of long and short term needs of the Institute.

(c) The Ministry of Education and Culture have sanctioned a grant of Rs. 33,000 during 1981-82 for the preservation and cataloguing of the manuscripts under its scheme of financial assistance to voluntary educational organisations Universities for preservation of Manuscripts.