

Participation of Pharmacists in Family Planning Programme

*229. SHRI RAJDEO SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pharmacy Council of India have decided that 20,000 pharmacists would participate in the national family planning programme next year;

(b) whether Union Government would spend Rs. 4 lakhs to train pharmacists for this purpose; and

(c) whether these 20,000 pharmacists who will be recruited and trained will become permanently a part of the family planning programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (CHOWDHURY RAM SEWAK): (a) Yes, Sir, according to a Press statement issued by the council—

(b) A scheme is yet to be drawn up.

(c) No, Sir.

SHRI RAJDEO SINGH: What is the financial and other status of the Pharmacy Council of India in relation to Government? It is their intention to train 20,000 pharmacists.

CHOWDHURY RAM SEWAK: I do not know from where the figure of 20,000 pharmacists has come in. When a discussion took place with the Commissioner of Family Planning, certain proposals were made by them. A meeting was held in Bangalore in that meeting also, a resolution was passed. If you permit me, I will reproduce that....

MR. SPEAKER: Don't reproduce it. You can give a gist of it.

CHOWDHURY RAM SEWAK: If they are prepared to cooperate in the

family planning programme, whatever finance is required will be given.

SHRI RAJDEO SINGH: In the context of the answer given to the second part of my question, I want to know, by when Government is expected to draw up the scheme and whether the scheme will cover the said 20,000 pharmacists or any particular number.

CHOWDHURY RAM SEWAK: I have just instructed the Department to draw up the scheme and we will expedite it and then put it up before the Family Planning Board to finalise it.

Land Acquired for Ratnagiri Aluminium Plant

*232. SHRI S. L. PEJE: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether land measuring more than 500 acres have been acquired for the Aluminium Plant to be set up at Ratnagiri in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the total amount paid to the agriculturists from whom land was acquired; and

(c) whether some of the agriculturists have not been paid?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUKHDEV PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The land has been acquired by the Maharashtra Government through the Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation Acquisition of land, and payment of amount to the farmer owners of land are matters falling within the jurisdiction of State Governments. The Maharashtra Government have informed that Rs. 26.30 lakhs have already been paid out and that only 52 claims are still pending.

SHRI S. L. PEJE: Will the Minister give us some idea regarding the