

the use of preventive and curative medicines.

(c) Does not arise.

Financial Assistance to 'Vishwayatan Yogashram' New Delhi

*313. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry had given any financial assistance to the 'Vishwayatan Yogashram', New Delhi; and

(b) if so, the total amount of assistance given so far and the purpose or purposes for which this assistance has been given ?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI UMA SHANKAR DIKSHIT) : (a) and (b). The Central Council for Research in India Medicine and Homoeopathy, an autonomous research organisation, set up by the Ministry of Health and Family Planning, is giving financial assistance to the 'Vishwayatan Yogashram, New Delhi' for research in the therapeutic aspects of Yoga in selected chronic diseases. The total financial assistance given to this institution is as under :—

Year	Amount (Rs.)
1969-70	30,000
1970-71	1,89,875
1971-72	1,10,000

This includes financial assistance of Rs. 75,000 per annum for meeting expenditure on 25 research beds with effect from the 16th January, 1971.

Demand for Setting up of a 500-Bed Casualty Hospital and Chest Surgery Unit in Calcutta

* 314. SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA HALDER : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government had received any memorandum from Calcutta Corporation demanding to set up a 500-bed casualty hospital and 200-bed chest surgery unit in the Calcutta Metropolitan area ;

(b) if so, the main features thereof ; and

(c) whether Government have considered this demand ?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI UMA SHANKAR DIKSHIT) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

Requirement and Import of Super Phosphate

*318. SHRI HAMENDRA SINGH BANERA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the total requirement of super phosphate fertilizer in India ; and

(b) how much is manufactured in India and how much is imported ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHAB P. SHINDE) : (a) and (b). The requirement of fertilisers in the country is assessed in terms of Plant nutrients viz., Nitrogen (N), Phosphates (P_2O_5) and Potash (K_2O) and not in terms of individual fertiliser products. The requirements thus assessed are then met through domestic production, stocks on hand and likely imports.

The following statements will show the requirements of P_2O_5 , estimated domestic production and imports for the year 1971-72 :—

(in lakh tonnes of P_2O_5)

Stocks at the beginning of 1971-72	2.08
Domestic production	4.20
Imports planned	2.50
Total availability	8.78
Requirements for consumption	7.32

The domestic production of P_2O_5 includes 2.1 lakh tonnes of nutrients in the form of super-phosphate. The remaining domestic production is in the shape of complex fertilisers containing P_2O_5 . The import programme for phosphatic fertilisers allows for full utilisation of indigenous production of super-phosphate. Certain stock in the pipeline is also necessary so as to leave reasonable balance at the end of the year. No import of super-phosphate is, however, made.

**Seminar against Illiteracy held Jointly
by National Federation of Indian
Woman and UNESCO**

*319. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINHG : will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether an international seminar against illiteracy was held jointly by National Federation of Indian Women and UNESCO in Delhi recently ;

(b) if so, the subjects discussed ; and

(c) the decisions arrived at ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (PROF. D.P. YADAVA): (a) The National Federation of Indian Women organised a Seminar from November 1 to 9, 1971 at New Delhi with partial financial assistance from UNESCO.

(b) The theme of the Seminar was Training of Cadres to Combat Illiteracy among Women and Educate them for participation in the economic, social and Cultural development of their countries.

(c) A statement incorporating the conclusions and recommendations of the Seminar is enclosed

Statement

The Seminar, recommended that :—

1. *General* : There should be a firm national policy to take immediately all steps needed to eradicate illiteracy completely

among women, in developing countries where mass illiteracy among women still exists. This programme should consist of a mass approach in general literacy, phasing to functional literacy in such a manner that all regions in the country and all adult illiterates in all sectors of the population are covered within a given span of time, so that they may find gainful employment stay in it, be promoted and achieve self confidence to become active members of society.

2. *Content and Technique* : Special background studies for different groups of target population is necessary to make functional literacy successful ; while this is progress, work can begin by giving short term training to workers in general literacy. In addition to reading, writing and arithmetic, hygiene and dietics, family planning and bringing up children, handicrafts, scientific outlook, laws covering women's rights should be included.

While a general literacy course may be a short duration, a functional literacy course should be for at least one year, if necessary in two stages of six months each.

The governments should utilize the mass media of press, film, and television for motivation and promotional work, these should be made freely available to the agencies and cadres implementing the programme.

The government should initiate pilot projects as early as possible, the Seminar is of the opinion that by the end of 1972 at least five such projects should be started. These should be located in specially selected areas by the Governments and developed through the coordinated efforts of all Governmental and non-governmental agencies in each area.

3. *Cadre and Training*: The concept of the term "cadre" should be clarified. The Seminar further agreed that the term includes the entire range of workers from organizers to literacy instructors, adult leaders communities and evaluators ; it would thus include all persons in developing and promoting the programme both horizontally and vertically.