

medicines in these medical centres? So far as I know, this amount is Rs. 2,000 for a medical centre which caters to a population of at least one lakh. I am at a loss to understand how a medical centre can provide medical treatment to one lakh people within the limit of Rs. 2,000?

**SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI** : Will all the one lakh people fall sick?

**SYED SHAHABUDDIN** : At least 40 to 50 persons might be visiting a health centre per day; how can they be treated within the limit of Rs. 2,000?

[*English*]

**SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR** : The information of the hon. Member is not correct. The State Government gives medicines at Rs. 12,000 per annum under the Minimum Needs Programme. The Union Health Ministry gives Rs. 600/- per annum under the Village Health Guides Scheme. This does not include medicines given for malaria, leprosy, TB, sterilisation, IUD, MTP, etc. In addition we give Rs. 2000 for every sub-centre and there are 16 sub-centres in each PHC catchment area. In addition we give Rs. 600 worth of medicines to every Village Health Guide.

**KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE** : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I want to know ..

(*Interruptions*)

**KUMARI MAMTA BANERJEE** : I come from West Bengal and I have every right to know what is happening there. Health is a Concurrent subject. I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether there are so many buildings but no activities are there in the Primary Health Centres and their condition is not that they are dying but they are dead. What steps have the Government taken to see that they work properly and they have all the medicines so that they can serve the rural people of West Bengal?

**SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR** : Health is a State subject and under the Central Government scheme certain inputs are

given to each of the Primary Health Centres including staff, medicines and other resources, but, basically, this has to be looked into by the State Government.

**KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE** : But it is the concern of the Union Government to monitor their working.

**SHRI MANIK SANYAL** : May I know from the hon. Minister whether it is a fact that there is some amount of disinclination on the part of the doctors to join the Primary Health Centres and SHC in Village area because they will lose in their earnings and there is no association suitable to them? If so, what steps Govt. propose to take to ensure that doctors go to PHCs and SHC's?

**SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR** : I have already stated that reasons why the doctors are not willing to go to the rural areas. Some of them are : non-availability of residential accommodation, non-availability of educational facilities, decrease in the overall emoluments in some States, professional stagnation, lack of satisfaction due to absence of facilities, etc.

#### Incentives to Family Planning Workers

\*69. **SHRI E. AYYAPU REDDY** : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is proposed to give more incentives to all categories of family planning workers to motivate people for adopting family planning methods;

(b) if so, what incentives are proposed to be given; and

(c) what other steps are proposed to be taken to achieve the targets set for family planning through various methods?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR)** : (a) to (c) Government has prepared a well defined strategy to achieve the goals set under the Family Welfare Programme. The main features of the strategy are: increasing

demand for contraception through improved communication approaches, expanding and improving the quality of outreach services; promoting greater community participation intensifying population education; enhancing child survival rates; and reorganising programme structure and improving its management. Incentives to personnel engaged in the programme is also a part of the strategy and different States have instituted different systems in this regard.

**SHRI E. AYYAPU REDDY :** No answer has been given to the specific question raised by me as to what are the incentives given to the family planning workers. The only answer given is that incentives are being given to the family planning workers by different States. What is the responsibility of the Union Government in providing incentives to the family planning workers, especially the family planning workers in the rural areas and slum areas?

**SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR :** I have given the answer that certain incentives are given to the family planning workers...

**SHRI E. AYYAPU REDDY :** What are those incentives?

**SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR :** I am going to elaborate. The Government of India have sanctioned and made available a certain amount of money for each method under the family welfare programme. Under this, a certain amount is set apart for miscellaneous fund...

**AN HON. MEMBER :** How much?

**SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR :** This varies from State to State. There are 22 States. That is why I am not reading. From out of the Miscellaneous Fund the State gives some material incentives to workers. In addition, if any of the family planning workers himself motivates any eligible couple under a family planning method for which provision is available, then he is entitled to that motivator's money. There is no other material incentive given to any family planning worker. But we have under consideration several

non-material and material incentives to improve the general output in motivation and other types of family planning work.

**SHRI E. AYYAPU REDDY :** What is the financial assistance which the Union Government is giving to the States for providing incentives to family planning workers, especially in rural areas and slum areas?

**SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR :** I have answered that question. The States have to make money available from the Miscellaneous Fund. We have created a staff of one millions workers under the family welfare programme in the whole country. These workers are expected to do a minimum amount of work, and the staff is not fully utilised.

**SHRI E. AYYAPU REDDY :** What is the financial assistance given by the Union Government? Are they giving any financial assistance to the States or not? It is a simple question.

**SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR :** Financial assistance is given as a block grant for methods achieved to each State. From the Miscellaneous Fund component, each State gives different types of incentives. I have a long list. If the hon. Member wants, I can read out...

**MR. SPEAKER :** You may lay it on the Table of the House.

**SHRI K.S. RAO :** Will the hon. Minister act on the memorandum presented by the village health guides who are prepared to take specific responsibilities for spreading family planning by improving the remuneration being paid to them or by giving any other incentive?

**SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR :** The village health guides, in addition to being given training and a certain amount of medicines for use, are given an honorarium of Rs. 50/- per month. These village health guides have been created under the programme as voluntary part-time workers. I have already answered in this House that Government does not consider giving a government service connotation to this

village volunteer scheme in view of the financial constraints involved. We are already spending Rs. 60 crores a year for this scheme.

[*Translation*]

**SHRI RAJ KUMAR RAI :** Mr. Speaker, Sir, the hon. Minister has stated that an honorarium of Rs 50 and some medicines for use are given to the Village Health Guide. The Minimum Wages Act is in force in the country and the Government give this honorarium of Rs. 50 to them just to ward off that Act. I have a definite information that nobody wants to do any work in the village for this honorarium of Rs. 50; instead, he keeps the medicines with him. Accepting this information of mine as correct, will the hon. Minister get it examined that nobody works for this amount and this amount goes waste and that this does not benefit even the villagers?

[*English*]

**SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR :** I have already stated that the family planning programme has adequate number of peripheral workers on the Government roll and we don't want to add another four lakh village health guides under the Government roll. This scheme had been originally devised as a voluntary scheme and the financial constraints do not allow giving additional honorarium or out of pocket expenses to this category of peripheral workers. We have to decide how to use our staff resources in the most effective manner.

[*Translation*]

#### Proposal to Link Jhunjhunu with National Highway

\*70. **SHRI MOHD. AYUB KHAN :** Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the time by which Jhunjhunu, in Rajasthan is likely to be linked with National Highway;

(b) whether Government have a scheme to link Sikar with Delhi;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to have this scheme extended for linking Delhi-Sikar-Jhunjhunu; and

(d) if so, the time by which this work is likely to be done?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) :** (a) to (d) The question of declaring any State Road as a National Highway is governed by a number of factors such as (a) whether it fulfils the criteria for declaring it as National Highway, (b) the availability of adequate resources, and (c) inter-se priority attached to individual work. Owing to severe financial constraints in the current Plan, it is not possible to make any new additions to the existing National Highways system, at present including the road in question from Sikar to Delhi, via Jhunjhunu.

[*English*]

**MR. SPEAKER :** We take exception to this.

[*Translation*]

**SHRI MOHD. AYUB KHAN :** Hon. Speaker, Sir, as you are aware, the hon. Minister is an Ex-Serviceman and the most of the population of Jhunjhunu also consists of Ex-Serviceman and the serving army-personnel. Besides, the first person to join I.N.A., which got independence for the country, belonged to this area. The first 50 persons were from this area. Survey has been conducted twice to link Jhunjhunu and Sikar to the National Highway. I want to know whether the matter will be considered afresh in spite of the fact that survey has been held twice.

**MR. SPEAKER :** Why do you not add that it is we who earn maximum foreign exchange for the country... (*Interruptions*)

**SHRI RAJESH PILOT :** When Sikar is linked with the question, we give it a careful consideration because... (*Interruptions*)