

print media. While taking the decision on FDI in Print media, the Government has addressed various concerns including those expressed by the Committee.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The Government does not propose to review its decision of allowing FDI in print media in the near future, as it is a well-considered decision.

#### **Department of Orthopaedics, Safdarjung Hospital**

†\*209. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any proposal to convert the Department of Orthopaedics of Safdarjung hospital into an autonomous body;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government propose to make a private ward in the Department of Orthopaedics and provide special facilities to patients?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA): (a) and (b) There is no proposal at present to convert the department of Orthopaedics of Safdarjung Hospital into an autonomous body.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) There is no proposal to make private ward in the Department of Orthopaedics at present. However, facilities are provided to the patients within the available resources.

#### **World Ayurvedic Congress**

\*210. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has proposed to host the World Ayurvedic congress later this year and if so, the venue and tentative dates decided for the same;

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(b) the theme chosen for the deliberations at the Congress

(c) the steps being taken to project India's heritage in the realm of Ayurveda considering its leading and dominant role in the propagation of Ayurvedic system of medicine; and

(d) how many countries are likely to participate in the Congress?

**THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA) :** (a) to (d) Swadeshi Science Movement has proposed to hold World Ayurveda Congress from 1st November to 4th November, 2002 at Kochi, Kerala.

Main theme of the congress is "Ayurveda and the World Health" to showcase strengths of Ayurveda to the world.

The Government has taken several steps to project India's role as the leading exponent of Ayurveda system of medicine. Department has signed MOU, exchanged experts, organized presentation, exhibition, fair, etc.

The organizers have informed that experts of traditional medicine from 50 countries are expected to participate in the Congress.

#### **Acquisition of crude carriers by SCI Ltd.**

**\*211. SHRI R.S. GAVAI:** Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have refused permission for acquisition of two very large crude carriers by the privatisation-bound Shipping Corporation of India Ltd.;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the impact of non-acquisition of these carriers?

**THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRIVED PRAKASH GOYAL):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.