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Vacant posts of Homoeopathic Pharmacists in CGHS

1028. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) since when the posts of homoeopathic pharmacists in CGHS reserved for OBCs, are lying vacant;

(b) what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when Government propose to fill all these posts reserved for OBCs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) to (c) Only one post in CGHS Delhi of Homoeopathic Pharmacist reserved for OBCs has fallen vacant on 8.6.1999 due to the death of its incumbent. Action has already been initiated to fill it.

No post of Homoeopathic Pharmacist is lying vacant outside Delhi.

Political Commitment Towards Population Control

1029. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that while releasing the UN report on the State of World Population, United Nations Population Fund representative, Michael Vlassoff, was reported to have observed that lack of firm political commitment was the most important reason for the population control in India;

(b) whether the Government of India share this view and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to arrest the alarming rise in India's population, which was posing a huge challenge to our development and growth?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) and (b) In the speech of Dr. Michael Vlassoff, UNFPA representative for India, on 22nd September, 1999 while releasing State of the World Population Report 1999, there is no mention of lack of political commitment or otherwise.