WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) Degrees of BDS & MDS are being recognised under section 10(2) of the Dentists Act, 1948. A list of Universities whose BDS & MDS degrees recognised by this Ministry as on date is given at Annexure-I. The annual intake in BDS & MDS of the Dental Colleges is given at Annexure-II. (See Appendix 184 Annexure No. 13)

(b) Only one application in respect of PMNM Dental College (Karnataka) for increase of seats in BDS from 60 to 100 is pending after receipt of recommendation from Dental Council of India, due to non-rectification of deficiencies by the applicant, and non-receipt of clarifications from Dental Council of India regarding deficiencies in the scheme.

Promotion of Hindi Staff

339. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH : SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a common cadre exists for officials engaged in his Ministry for implementation of language policy for all departments/subordinate offices;
- (b) whether there were Government directives *vide* Government of India resolution No. 1/20012/87-OL (A-I) dated 30th December, 1990 for creating promotional avenues for Hindi officers in subordinate offices:
- (c) whether Parliamentary Committee on official languages during 1991 recommended filling/Upgradation/promotion of Hindi staff working in Central Research Institute, Kasauli, who have been stagnating for almost two decades;
- (d)if so, by when these recommendations are likely to be implemented;
 - (e) if so, the action taken; and
 - (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) The Hindi posts in the three Departments of

the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare are manned by the officers of Central Secretariat Official Language Service controlled by the Department of Official Language. However, there does not exist a common cadre for the Subordinate Offices.

- (b) No Sir.
- (c) No Sir.
- (d) to (f) Question does not arise.

Filling up the Vacancies of Assistant Professors of Bio-Chemistry in Neuro-Science

- 340. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether AIIMS Management propose to fill vacancies of Assistant Professors of Bio-Chemistry in Neuro Sciences/CTVS Departments;
- (b)if so, criteria fixed to ensure appointment of faculty from medical background in AIIMS;
- (c) whether some non-medical candidates are being favoured for selection to above posts despite availability of medical (MBBS/MD) candidates, if so, justification therefor;
- (d) whether appointments of nonmedical teaching faculty for medical students would affect standard and performance of medical education system in a premier Institute like AIIMS; and
- (e) whether faculty from non-medical background presently heading Bio-Chemistry Department, which in turn favours appointment of non-medical faculty in this Department?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

- (b) The post of Assistant Professor of Bio-Chemistry is open for both Medical and nonmedical Candidates. There are prescribed Recruitment Rules for both Medical and Non-Medical persons.
 - (c) No, Sir.
 - (d) and (e) Do not arise.