

Sub-cadre to enter the Specialists Sub-cadres through open competition.

(12) Direct recruitment at the level of Rs. 4500-5700 as well as Rs. 3700-5000 can be made depending on the identification of the posts.

(13) The benefit of added years of service available under Rule 30 of the Central Civil Services (Pensions) Rules 1972, shall be available for all the members of the Central Health Service.

(14) The feasibility of transferring any part of the work relating to Cadre Management of the Central Health Service to the Directorate General of Health Services and providing more training facilities to the Member of the Central Health Service shall be examined by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

(15) The Ministry of Railways, the Ministry of Defence, and other organisations shall separately process proposals for restructuring the Cadre and providing greater avenues of promotion in the light of decisions taken for the Central Health Service Cadre by the Government.

(16) The question of increasing the age of superannuation for doctors from 58 to 60 years is deferred for more detailed examination by the Department of Personnel & Training regarding its implications and repercussions.

(17) The Department of Personnel & Training (All India Services Division) shall examine, in due course, the question of formation of an All India Medical and Health Service in consultation with the State Governments.

2. The Government after careful consideration of all aspects have not found it possible to accept other recommendations of the High Powered Committee.

3. The amendments to the Central Health Service Rules, 1982 wherever

necessary, consequent upon the above decisions, shall issue in due course.

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USAID programmes on reducing the spread of AIDS

2894. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) whether the US Agency for International Development has developed an approach that could dramatically reduce the spread of AIDS;

(b) whether the USAID programme is proposed to be extended to a number of countries including India; and

(c) if so, what are the main features of the approach and the USAID programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA):

(a) to (c) The general approach of the U.S. Agency for International Development to prevent and control AIDS has been to promote behaviour change to reduce sexual partners and high risk sexual behaviour among high risk groups, to generate increase in demand for and access to condoms and to improve services to people suffering from sexually transmitted diseases. The Agency is planning to intensify its programme in 10 to 15 countries, including India during the next five years. The Agency is planning to concentrate its resources in Tamil Nadu by focussing attention on the high risk groups there.