

(c) Appointments on compassionate grounds made by the airlines during the last 6 years are as under:—

Air India	84
Indian Airlines	.. 186
Vayudoot	22

Proposal to abolish public schools in the country

116. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA; Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

(a) whether there is any proposal under Governments considerations to abolish all public schools in the country to provide equal educational facilities to the poor and rich children;

(b) whether it is a fact that the fees charged by public schools are beyond the capacity of poor students; and

(c) if so, by when the above proposal is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAJMANGAL PANDE): (a) There is no proposal to abolish Public Schools which are private unaided schools. Their abolition would Violate the provisions of Article 19(1) (c), 19(1) (g), 30(1) and 31-A of the Constitution.

(b) and (c) Some of the Public schools are high fee-charging institutions which are operating due to parents paying the high fees voluntarily. The Government however, is committed to equalisation of educational opportunities and therefore, is striving for continuous qualitative improvement in Government schools and schools run by local bodies. It is expected that improvement in their standard of teaching and physical facilities will reduce the demand for admission* in Public Schools.

International symposium on Preventive Cardiology

117. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA; Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Seminar on 'International Symposium on Preventive Cardiology' was held in the All India Institute of Medical Sciences in January, 1991;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what are the names of the members who participated in the Seminar alongwith the countries they belonged to; and

(d) the nature of discussion held and outcomes thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI DASAI CHOWDHARY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. An International Symposium on Preventive Cardiology and Cardiovascular Epidemiology was organised at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences from January 10 to 14, 1991. 300 scientists from India and foreign countries like Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, USA, UK, Netherlands, Belgium, Canada, Australia, USSR, Czechoslovakia and Zambia participated in it.

(c) The names of the participants in the Seminar alongwith the countries they belong to are given in the *statement*.

(d) The scientific programme of the symposium featured in-depth reviews and panel discussions on various facts of causation and prevention of rheumatic heart disease, coronary heart disease, hypertension, cardio-vascular, risk factors in the young, aortoarteritis, endomyocardial fibrosis and tobacco control. The information available on risk factors for these disease and preventive strategies for their