

Setting up of new hospitals in Maharashtra with Central Assistance

\*300. SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA JAYAWANTRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up new hospitals in Maharashtra during the Seventh Five Year Plan with the central assistance;

(b) if so, what are the names of places where these hospitals are proposed to be constructed: and what are the criteria for the selection of places for setting up of such hospitals; and

(c) whether any priority is proposed to be accepted to the backward and tribal areas for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) and (b) There is no proposal to set up any Central Government Hospitals in Maharashtra. However, under a Central Scheme called Special Health Scheme for Rural areas, the State Government of Maharashtra has received 10 applications from voluntary organizations for setting up of 30 bedded Hospitals at Nanded, Solapur, Buldhana, Pune, Sangli Tharte and Ratnagiri. The applications are under scrutiny of the State Government.

(c) This is basically for the State Government to decide.

Affairs of Centrally Aided Sanskrit Pathshalas in the Country

1687. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that the state of affairs of teachers, students and management is not conducive to

the proper studies of Sanskrit in the Centrally aided Sanskrit Pathshalas, Vidyalyayas and Institutes in the country; and

(b) whether Government propose to appoint a Committee of scholars, publicmen and Government officials to go into this problem and suggest remedial measures with a view to cleansing the present undesirable state of affairs and <sup>(i)</sup> raise their standards so as to give results of high public appreciation and reputation.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI

KRISHNA SAHI): (a) No, Sir. The Central Government provides financial grant for proper studies of Sanskrit to different Sanskrit Institutions which include 8 Kendriya Sanskrit Vidyapeethas, 14 Adarsh Sanskrit Colleges/Research Institutions, 25 Veda Pathshalas, 8 Veda Centres and about 650 Voluntary Sanskrit Institutions. Grants are sanctioned to the extent of 75 per cent to 100 per cent of the expenditure to these Institutions for such items as salary of teachers, scholarship to students, books for libraries, etc. Grants are sanctioned by the Ministry on the recommendations of the State Governments, in consultation with the duly constituted Grants in aid Committee. Whenever any complaint is received it is thoroughly examined and further grants are sanctioned only if the enquiry report is favourable.

(b) Question does not arise.

Paperless Trunk Exchange

1688. SHRI PRAEHA KATTA RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce paperless trunk ex-