

goal of Health for all by 2000 A.D. It is also envisaged to provide one trained Dai and one Health Guide for every village/1000 rural population. The main functions of primary Health Centres/Sub-centres include the preventive and promotive health services through health education, maternal and child health and family planning education, motivation and provision of services for the family planning programme.

It is proposed to expand the existing health infrastructure during the 7th Plan period. The allocation for the 7th Five Year Plan for central health sector have not yet been finalised.

Admission of Scheduled Tribe students in the medical colleges under the Delhi University

1956. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of students belonging to the Scheduled Tribes who have been selected for admission in the medical colleges under the Delhi University for M.B.B.S. course for the current year;

(b) the number of seats reserved in the above medical colleges for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes during the current year, separately; and

(c) whether all the seats in the medical colleges reserved for the Scheduled Tribes by the Delhi University have been filled up?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) The list of candidates selected for admission to the medical course in Delhi has not yet been announced.

(b) The University has reserved 15% seats for Scheduled Castes and 7½% for Scheduled Tribes in the three medical colleges in Delhi. The total number of seats so reserved is 32.

(c) Does not arise as the admissions have not so far been finalised.

Number of blind persons in the country

1857. SHRI DEBA PRASAD RAY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the "Times of India" on the 28th June, 1985 under the heading "55,000 go blind in West Bengal every year"; and

(b) if so, what is the number of persons becoming blind in other States, yearly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir, the news item appeared in the *Times of India* dated 29th May, 1985.

(b) No survey has yet been carried out to ascertain yearly incidence of blindness in the country.

Healthr guides in different States in the country

1058. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) How many health guides have been working in different States at present:

(b) whether his Ministry has sent guidelines to the State Governments to appoint more number of health guides in backward and remote areas; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the different State Govts. in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) The State-wise number of health guides trained as on 31-3-85 in all the States/