

National Academy of Medical Sciences

698. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHA-KRISHNA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Hindustan Times on the 22nd March, 1985 to the effect that the National Academy of Medical Sciences started in 1961 has been destroyed through political and bureaucratic interference; and

(b) whether Government propose to institute a Parliamentary enquiry in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA:) (a) Yes Sir, It is not correct that there has been political and bureaucratic interference in the functioning of the National Academy of Medical Sciences as alleged in the news item.

(b) No, Sir.

Homeopathic drugs for treatment of meningitis

700. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHA-KRISHNA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that homeopathic drugs have been found to be more effective in treating meningitis as reported in 'Hindustan Times' on 22nd March, 1985 and if so, what are the details of comparative trials and studies made in this regard; and

(b) whether Government have any plan to start manufacture of meningitis vaccines using local, new strain at

the earliest and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA:) (a) The report appearing in the Hindustan Times on the 22nd March, 1985 regarding Homeopathic drugs being effective in treating meningitis has been seen by this Ministry. No comparative studies of the homeopathic drugs in treating meningitis have been undertaken.

(b) There is no indigenous production of meningitis vaccine in India. Government is exploring the possibilities of production of this vaccine as a pilot project.

Indiscipline in D.T.C.

701. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHA-KRISHNA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the indiscipline amongst DTC drivers is on the increase as revealed by the blocking of traffic in Ashok Vihar as reported in the Times of India of 1st April, 1985 ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that while Government have been losing heavily on DTC owned and operated buses, buses on contract with DTC are making profits and if so, what are the details thereof for last three years; and

(c) whether Government propose to stop purchase of new buses for DTC and totally switch over to private buses on contract?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI):

(a) No, Sir. Incidents of this nature take place occasionally and quite often