

(b) to (d) The Public Sector Banks (PSBs) have been given sufficient managerial autonomy so that they can lend to any eligible borrower based on their commercial judgement.

The Corporation Bank has informed that its Delhi-Industrial Finance Branch has independently as well as through a consortium arrangement with the Punjab National Bank, has extended the following loans:

[i] On 08.02.2008 : A Term loan of Rs. 32 crore sanctioned for Housing Complex viz., 'Supertech Livingston' at Dundaheera-Ghaziabad.

[ii] On 07.08.2008 : A Term loan of Rs. 50 crore sanctioned for construction of Commercial-cum-Residential area viz. 'Supertech Czar Suites' at Greater Noida.

[iii] On 31.01.2009 : A Term loan of Rs. 46 crore sanctioned for construction of Commercial project viz., 'Supertech Shoppix' at Meerat.

[iv] Besides, the company is enjoying working capital fund based limits of Rs. 0.30 crore and non-fund based limit of Rs. 6.23 crore.

While extending the above loans, Corporation Bank has informed that it has duly conducted the Legal Audit of documents and no deficiency has been observed in documentation/title deeds etc. Further, Bank has ensured compliance by Supertech with regard to obtaining of requisite licence/permission/clearances/approval from statutory/civic authority/ies. Further, Bank has not observed any irregularities in the conduct of above accounts.

Shortage of radiologists at AIIMS

†2655. SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact there is an acute shortage of radiologists at Trauma Centre and staff in other departments of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi;

(b) whether as a result of this X-ray and other investigations of patients are not being carried out in time; and

(c) the action being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) to (c) The Trauma Centre at AIIMS has sanctioned strength of 40 faculty posts out of which 2 are

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Radiologists (radio-diagnosis) and both the posts are filled up. The Trauma Centre has other 33 posts of technicians (Radio-diagnosis) out of which 12 are filled up, and 7 more Technicians (Radio-diagnosis) including Technical Officer (Radio-diagnosis) have been posted. The process to fill up remaining 14 posts and creation of 2 more posts of Technician (Radio-diagnosis) is on.

Stem cell therapy

2656. DR. K. MALAISAMY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that stem cells are a miracle to cure and an extraordinary resource to fight against cardio vascular diseases, spinal injuries, corneal damage and regeneration of tissues;
- (b) if so, what is the stage of Indian stem cells research and therapy;
- (c) how many hospitals in India are treating patients using stem cells; and
- (d) whether there is any move to popularize this line of treatment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. GANDHISELVAN) : (a) to (d) Stem cell research is a new emerging and promising area of biomedical sciences. However, as on date there is no approved indication for stem cell therapy as a part of routine medical practice. Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and Department of Bio Technology (DBT) have taken proactive role in funding different basic research projects and internationally. Central Govt. does not maintain information of Hospitals in India treating patients using stem cells.

Medical ventilator facilities in hospitals

2657. SHRI BHAGAT SINGH KOSHYARI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of medical colleges in India which have medical ventilator facilities;
- (b) whether Government is contemplating to make it mandatory for all medical colleges and city hospitals to have medical ventilators for extremely critical trauma cases;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?