

The Government of Andhra Pradesh has informed that they have recently recruited 106 medical officers under ISM and H. They also propose to fill up vacancies that would be caused by promotion of doctors to senior levels. They have further informed that they are taking necessary steps to elevate the status of Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy on par with the Allopathic system.

Selling Kidneys by Farmers

† 2242. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that recently farmers have sold out their kidneys in various hospitals of Delhi and Chennai at the rate of Rs. 40 to 50 thousand per kidney, in order to get rid of their financial crisis;
- (b) if so, whether Government have investigated or constituted any inquiry Committee to find out the facts of this episode;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, what concrete action is proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (d) No, Sir. Do not arise.

Review of Tuberculosis eradication programme

2243. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the present Government have made any review of the Tuberculosis eradication programme, with the assistance of International agencies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government would review the functioning of the

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