

(d) The Railway system in India started with Steam Traction. Subsequently Diesel and Electric traction were introduced. The existing steam locomotives have of necessity to be continued in services till these can be replaced. This replacement is dependent upon the availability of funds for electrification and for the manufacture of new diesel/electric locomotives. In pursuance of this policy, 936 steam locomotives were condemned during 1982-83. The expenditure on steam traction is unavoidable because all available diesel and electric locomotives are being utilised for running the more important services and steam locomotives are mostly used for running van and shunting goods services and ordinary passenger trains besides doing the bulk of the shunting work.

Electoral Roll for Elections in Delhi Pharmacy Council

1796. SHRI ARABINDA GHOSH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Administration has published any electoral roll for the election of the members of Delhi Pharmacy Council under the Pharmacy Council Rules 1958;

(b) whether the electoral roll is complete and up-to-date; and

(c) whether the Chairman of the Council had published the electoral roll after obtaining permission from the Delhi Administration?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (MISS KUMUDBEN M. JOSHI): (a) Yes.

(b) The Electoral Roll has been prepared as on 19-1-84.

(c) No such permission is necessary under the rules.

Pharmacists Register of Delhi Pharmacy Council

1797. SHRI ARABINDA GHOSH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had compiled the Pharmacists' register of Delhi Pharmacy Council (Delhi Administration) under Pharmacy Act, 1948, which started from registration number, 1962 and ended with registration number 3829;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for omitting registration number upto 1962 in the register; and

(c) what was the purpose of compiling such register?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (MISS KUMUDBEN M. JOSHI): (a) No. The Pharmacists' Register of the Delhi Pharmacy Council was prepared in two parts - the first from SI. No. 1 to 1961 and the 2nd from SI. No. 1962 to 3829. Both these parts include pharmacists registered upto 30-9-80.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Underground Water Resources

1798. SHRI RAMANAND YADAV: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have explored underground water resources especially in dry farming areas in the country and have utilised water so available for irrigation;

(b) if so, what is the extent of underground water resources utilised so far for irrigation purposes; and

(c) the details of facilities like pump sets provided to medium and small scale farmers to utilise underground water resources?