

from one station to another, a few of them have been serving at a particular station for four-five years;

(b) whether there is any proposal to transfer such officers from their present places of posting; and

(c) if so, when these transfers are likely to take place; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A. A. RAHIM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Some are already under orders of transfer, while in other cases it is proposed to transfer them soon.

Covering of Nallah

1330. SHRI S. B. RAMESH BABU: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the construction to cover the nallah running between Sarojini Nagar and Luxmibai Nagar and right upto Narauji Nagar and in the Safdarjung Development Area in Delhi is in progress;

(b) if so, by when the construction is proposed to be completed;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Narauji Nagar and Safdarjung Development Area are affected by mosquitoes from the nearby uncovered nullah; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken or is proposed to be taken by Government in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI MOHAMMED USMAN ARIF): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Medical Specialists For Gulf Countries

1331. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Central Government has been drawn to the advertisement which appeared in the "Hindustan Times" of 20th November, 1983 to the effect that Ministry of Health of the Islamic Republic of Iran requires medical specialists in General Surgery etc. and has requested interested persons to contact Iran Cultural House, New Delhi for test on the 11-2-1983;

(b) if so, what is the policy of Government and the procedure for employment of medical specialists and doctors in different Middle East countries; and

(c) whether Government have formulated any uniform policy for sending the medical specialists etc. to different Gulf countries direct on Government to Government level, if so, what is the reaction of Government on the above private advertisement?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The existing policy of Government of India is that all organised requirement of Indian experts, including medical experts (having graduate professional qualifications and above) for foreign assignments in developing countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America, should be on government-to-government basis and routed through the Ministry of External Affairs and the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms which maintains ready pannels of experts desirous of assignments in those countries. Whenever necessary the requirements are advertised/circulated to various Ministries and State Governments. The policy is uniformly applicable to all types of foreign assignments.

The Government has impressed upon all foreign governments to make their recruitment in accordance with the above policy.