

from the organisers of the Seminar. As such the Government have no authentic information regarding the statement attributed to the Regional Director of W.H.O. in India. However, Press Reports have appeared stating that Dr. B. B. Gatonde of W.H.O. had said that 30,000 formulations in India have not been evaluated for their safety.

(b) Under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act control over the manufacture and sale of drugs is exercised by the State Drug Control Authorities. The State Drug Controllers are the licensing Authority for manufacture of drugs and manufacturing licenses for manufacture of drug formulations are issued by them. State Drug Controllers while issuing manufacturing licences for formulations are required to screen drug formulations particularly combinations to ensure that that they contain the constituents ingredients therapeutic/prophylactic quantities, are safe for use and contain such ingredients and in such quantities for which there is therapeutic justification. The State Drug Controllers licence drug formulations in the context of information available regarding the toxicity of these drugs or their incompatibility, it would therefore not be correct to say that drug formulations have not been evaluated for safety from the health point of view. It is possible that after drug formulations have been licenced for manufacture and have been marketed for many years, reports may come to notice regarding the toxicity of some of the drugs or their incompatibility. Medical opinion regarding the use of these drugs may also change over a period of time. Thus while in the past medical opinion was not against the marketing of drug combinations, during recent years medical opinion has now veered towards the prescribing of drugs as single ingredient preparations. Drug regulatory agencies have consequently begun re-evaluating drug combinations marketed from the angle of safety and efficacy in light of current knowledge.

राष्ट्रीय छात्रवृत्ति योजना के अन्तर्गत छात्रवृत्तियां प्रदान करना

1329. श्री जगदीश प्रसाद माथुर :

श्री अश्विनी कुमार :

श्री लाखन सिंह :

क्या शिक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) राष्ट्रीय छात्रवृत्ति योजना, जिसे सरकार ने निर्धन तथा मेधावी छात्रों के सहायताार्थ 1956 में संस्वीकृत किया था, के अन्तर्गत विभिन्न विषयों में छात्रों को कितनी छात्रवृत्तियां दी जा रही है ;

(ख) क्या सरकार बढ़ते हुए मूल्यों के कारण छात्र-वृत्ति की राशि बढ़ाने का विचार कर रही है ; और

(ग) इसी प्रकार क्या सरकार पाठ छात्रों के अभिभावकों की अधिकतम आयु सीमा भी बढ़ाने पर विचार कर रही है ?

रेल, शिक्षा और समाज कल्याण मंत्रालयों तथा संसदीय कार्य विभाग में उपमंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) :

(क) राष्ट्रीय छात्रवृत्ति योजना के अन्तर्गत जो 1961-62 में शुरू की गई थी, वर्ष 1981-82 के दौरान 24000 नई छात्रवृत्तियां प्रदान की गयीं।

(ख) 1-7-1981 से छात्रवृत्ति की दरें पहले ही बढ़ा दी गई हैं।

(ग) मामला विचाराधीन है।