

Per capita expenditure on health and family welfare

96. SHRI S. SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) the estimate of per capita national expenditure on health and family welfare;

(b) the number of qualified medical and para-medical personnel per thousand persons; and

(c) the estimate of number of hospital beds per thousand persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) The per capita expenditure on Medical and Public Health for the year 1976-77 has been estimated as Rs. 11.60.

(b) The number of qualified medical and para-medical personnel during the year 1978-79 was 0.27 and 0.17 respectively per thousand population.

(c) As on 1-1-1979 the number of hospital beds was 0.71 per thousand population.

Annual growth-rate of population

97. SHRI S. SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of vasectomies done in the country during the years 1976-77, 1977-78 and 1978-79;

(b) what is the latest estimate of the annual rate of net growth of population; and

(c) what measures Government propose to take to reduce the growth rate in order to achieve zero rate of net growth by the year 2000?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND):

(a) The number of vasectomies done during 1976-77, 1977-78 and 1978-89

is given below:

Years	No. of Vasectomie done
1976-77	6,199,158
1977-78	187,609
1978-79	390,184

Figures are provisional.

(b) The estimate of annual rate of growth for the year 1979-80 is 19.5 per thousand. This rate is based on population projections approved by the Expert Committee on Population Projections appointed by the Planning Commission under the Chairmanship of the Registrar General of India.

(c) At present the growth rate of population is 1.95 per cent per annum. Achievement of a zero growth rate is not possible by 2000. Efforts would be made to gradually reduce population growth by a reduction in both the birth and death rates so as to achieve a growth rate close to 1 per cent by 2000. Even this will require tremendous efforts both on the Health and Family Welfare fronts throughout the country.

Stoppage for Rajdhani Express at Patna

98. SHRI S. SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to make Patna instead of Moghul-sarai a halt for the Rajdhani Express;

(b) whether Government also propose to introduce more local trains between Patna and Moghulsarai; and

(c) whether it is proposed to eliminate stoppages at Danapore, Arrah and Buxar for fast trains, like Tinsukhia, Jayanti Janta, Vikram Sheela, between Patna and Moghulsarai?