

The Statewise details are awaited from the State Governments.

Incentives to popularise Family Planning

304. SHRI SAWAISINGH SISODIA:
SHRIMATI HAMIDA HABI-
BULLAH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state the various incentives given and measures initiated by Government to popularise family planning programme and also to promote mother and child care in the country during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RABI RAY): The Government of India are vigorously pursuing the Family Planning Programme and have intensified

- the educational and Motivational effort ;n order to further the voluntary acceptance of the small family norm, Nearly 10,000 orientation training
- ..camps are being organised during the current year and at these camps influential public opinion leaders, both men and women are imparted knowledge about the population problem, better care of children and use of
- , contraceptive methods. The financial allocation for Educational and Motivational activities has been considerably stepped up. Personal letters have been addressed by State Chief Ministers and Health Ministers to the Members of the State Legislatures requesting them to lend their support to the programme. Similar appeals have also been made to the Members of Parliament on 'behalf of the Union Ministry. Special attention is being given to the promotion of Mother and Child care Schemes and immunisation programme has been intensified. Nearly one lac additional birth attendants (Dais) are being trained during the current year in order to improve their skill so that the level of maternity care services in the rural areas improves. These trained Dais are also being provided with necessary equipment and they are beinf increasingly involved in

Maternal and Child Care activities in the rural areas. The training facilities for Auxiliary Nurses Midwives who are posted at Rural Sub-Centres have been augmented. In order to encourage a healthy competition between the States/Union Territories and non official organisations a scheme for National Awards has also been introduced. Special Awards have also under also been announced for the performance under family planning and maternity child health activities during January, 1979—March, 1979 quarter.

Desire of Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan to visit India for medical treatment

305. SHRI SAWAISINGH
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HABIBULLAH: DR.
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ANJIAH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan has expressed his desire to visit India for medical treatment;

(b) whether Government have received any formal request in this respect either from Khan Saheb or from Pakistan Government in this regard; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRE SAMARENDRA KUNDU): (a) to (c) As mentioned in December, 1978, in reply to a question in the Lok Sabha, it has been conveyed to Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan that if he decided to come to India for medical treatment, the Government of India would welcome him and provide him all possible facilities for such treatment. Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan has accepted our offer in principle but has indicated that he would let us know when it may be possible for him to finalise his plan.