

pills to Indian Council of Medical Research, Central Council of Research in Indian Medicine, New Delhi and Central Drug Research Institute, Lucknow. Out of this assistance I.C.M.R. and C.C.R.I.M.&H., New Delhi give grants to other institutions for carrying out this work. The National Instt. of Health and Family Welfare which is an autonomous organisation under Ministry of Health and Family Welfare also carries out research work in fertility control. Besides, some institutions receive financial assistance from W.H.O. with prior concurrence of the Government of India for research work in this field.

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There is no separate amount specifically provided for research work in oral contraceptives in these institutions.

Unemployed agricultural graduates

977. PROF. RAMLAL PARIKH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of students who passed B.Sc. (Agr.) and M.Sc. (Agr.) during the last three years, university-wise and are still unemployed; and

(b) what measures Government propose to take to ensure that graduates and post-graduates in agriculture offer their service to rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) A statement showing the number of students who passed B.Sc.(Agr.) and M.Sc.(Agr.) from the Agricultural Universities during the last three years is enclosed (Appendix-I) [See Appendix CVII, Annexure No. 59]. Information with regard to the number of unemployed graduates and post-graduates is being collected.

(b) This information is also being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

Permission sought by Madan Mohan Malviya Engineering College, Gorakhpur, to commence post-graduate courses

978. SHRI NAGESHWAR PRASAD SHAHI: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Madan Mohan Malviya Engineering College, Gorakhpur in U.P. sought the Central Governments permission about seven years ago to start post-graduate courses;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Central Government agreed to send a visiting committee and also issued a letter to that effect but the visiting committee has not yet gone there; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUNDER): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Northern Regional Office of the Ministry of Education and Social Welfare had appointed a Committee to visit the Madan Mohan Malviya Engineering College, Gorakhpur and other institutions which had submitted proposals for starting post-graduate courses. Meanwhile, the Post-Graduate Board which met on 5th July 1971 resolved that before sanctioning new post-graduate courses, the existing post-graduate courses should be reviewed. Therefore, the Committee could not visit the College and the College was informed accordingly in 1971. On the recommendations of the task force appointed to review post-graduate courses, the Post-Graduate Board decided that new post-graduate courses should be established only in relevant areas depending on their demand. Subsequently, a Screening Committee examined all the pending proposals. The proposal of the Madam Mohan Malviya Engineering College has not been supported by the Screening Committee.