

(c) The Government have since communicated to the Indian Dairy Corporation their preparedness to approve the terms of collaboration between I.D.C. and M/S. TETRAPAK DEVELOPMENT LTD. Detailed terms of foreign collaboration are under approval by the Government.

(d) to (f) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha.

Rural Health Scheme

*256. SHRI GURUDEV GUPTA: SHRI BAPURAOJI MARO-
TRAOJI DESHMUKH:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the poor performance of the Rural Health Scheme in the country;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to make the scheme really effective?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV): (a) to (c) An evaluation of the working of the rural health scheme, which is known as Community Health Workers Scheme, has confirmed that the performance of the Community Health Workers has been satisfactory. In fact, the scheme has been received well by the people. The evaluation reports have, however, pointed out certain deficiencies in the working of the scheme which relate mainly to supply of medicines, teaching aids and training. These have been taken note of and steps are being taken to remove them. *

Language Policy

*257. SHRIMATI HAMIDA HABIBULLAH: SHRI PRAKASH MEHROTRA: SHRI BHIM RAJ:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate a new language policy; if so, by when; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUN-DER): (a) Any change in the language policy in respect of education would find place in the national policy on education, which is under formulation.

(b) Does not arise.

Absorption of employees of the Rehabilitation department in other Ministries Departments

*258. DR. V. P. DUTT:
SHRI NARASINGHA PRASAD
NANDA: SHRIMATI SAROJ
KHAPARDE:

Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employees in the Department of Rehabilitation at the time the decision to wind up the Department was taken;

(b) the number of employees, out of them, who have been absorbed in other Ministries and Departments of the Government of India and the number of employees left over as on the 30th November, 1978; and

(c) by when all the employees are likely to be absorbed in other Departments and what action Government