

further strengthened so that farmers can get their seeds within bullock-cart distance. This, it is believed, would greatly help the common man in getting quality seeds at fair prices and in time.

Vocational Stream Under the 10+12 System

187. SHRIMATI NOORJEHAN RAZACK: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government have so far taken to ensure that the vocational stream under the 10+2 pattern is meaningful and provides genuine facilities for equipping students with skills for employment opportunities;

(b) whether Government have found out any bottlenecks in functioning of the scheme; and

(c) if so, what measures Government propose to take to make the scheme more effective?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUNDER): (a) to (c) The question of introduction of vocational stream at + 2 stage has been receiving serious attention of the Government. High level committees have been set up to re-examine the entire scheme in the light of priorities and to recommend suitable steps to be taken by the Government to avoid bottlenecks for its implementation and ensure that the students acquire the desired levels of skills for employment. The recommendations are expected by the end of January, 1978. The Government will then take appropriate action in the light of the recommendations.

Participation of Voluntary Organisations in providing Medical Care

188. SHRIMATI NOORJEHAN RAZACK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate a policy to provide for

participation of voluntary organisation in providing medical care to the general public;

(b) what is the present contribution by the voluntary organisations in this direction; and

(c) what are the details of the financial and other assistance proposed to be given to voluntary organisations in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE SHRI JAGDAM-BI PRASAD YADAV: (a) Government have a policy to encourage and assist voluntary organisations in providing medical care to the general public.

(b) and (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Colonies Approved in Delhi

189. SHRI YOGENDRA SHARMA: SHRI JAGJIT SINGH ANAND:

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

(a) the names of the colonies in Delhi which have been approved till February, 1977;

(b) the number of colonies under consideration for approval till February, 1977;

(c) the names of the colonies approved between February and October, 1977;

(d) the names of the colonies which were being considered but have not been approved; and

(e) by when all the colonies are proposed to be approved?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI SIKANDAR BAKHT): (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.