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Improvement in Agricultural Production with the help of U. S. Scientists

745. SHRI S. KUMARAN- Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to resume contacts with U. S. agricultural scientists to improve agricultural production in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what steps are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE): (a) The Government of India and the Government of USA have signed an Agreement on 28th October, 1974, for setting up a Joint Commission on Economic, Commercial, Scientific, Technological, Educational and Cultural Cooperation in which the field of Agriculture is included.

(b) An institutional frame work for mutual cooperation has been set up. The details of cooperation have still to be worked out.

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746. SHRI SYED NIZAMUDDIN : SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN: SHRI S. A. HASHMI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Tibbia College, Delhi is facing acute administrative and financial problems;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the 'Hindustan Dewakhana', which was a source of considerable income for this Institution, is also facing acute financial problems owing to lack of working capital; and

(c) if so, what remedial steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI A. K. M. ISHAQUE): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Drug Famine

747. SHRI K. N. DHULAP:

PROF. N. M. KAMBLE:

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

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' of 30th November, 1974 regarding the likelihood of a drug famine in the country; and

(b) if so, what remedial steps Government propose to take to meet the situation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI A. K. M. ISHAQUE): (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) and (b). According to the News item the representative of the Pharmaceutical Industry in Bombay have reportedly told the Union Minister for Petroleum and Chemicals that unless the Government took steps immediately, the country would soon face "drug famine" and the market would be captured by 'spurious and sub-standard drugs'. This news item is a sequel to the meeting which the Union Minister for Petroleum and Chemicals and the officials of that Ministry had on 28-11-74 with the representatives of the drug manufacturers in Bombay to discuss the difficulties and