

(a) whether Government have received a representation for earmarking proportionate amount of the house building advance sanctioned by the Central Government for Central Government employees belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes ; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI K. RAGHU RAMAIAH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government do not consider it necessary to make any such reservation.

Incidence of Rheumatic Heart disease in school children of Delhi.

*352. SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN:

SHRI QASIM ALI ABID :

SHRI MAQSOOD ALI KHAN :

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi ranks highest in the incidence of rheumatic heart disease among school going children ;
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(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to tackle the problem ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (DR. KARAN SINGH) : (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

The collaborative study on the epidemiology of rheumatic heart disease so far conducted by the ICMR at Agra, Alleppey, Bombay, Hyderabad and New Delhi reveals that the prevalence of the disease both definite and doubtful was high in New Delhi. However, the exact position can be known only after the target population is covered by each centre at the end of the study period viz. 30th June, 1975. The ' Indian Council of Medical Research is planning to initiate a study of Prophylaxis of rheumatic fever and rheumatic heart disease in the near future. An early detection of rheumatic heart disease or cases of suspicious rheumatic heart disease at the primary school level followed

by chemo-prophylaxis coupled with nutrition programme, may reduce the number of such cases at the secondary school level.

Revision of pay scales of Universities Librarians

*353. SHRI S. A. HASHMI : Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 96 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th February, 1975 and state by when a decision on the recommendations of the University Grants Commission in regard to the revision of scale of pay and qualifications of librarians in Universities and colleges is likely to be taken ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (PROF. S. NURUL HASAN) : The recommendations of the University Grants Commission with regard to the revision of scales of pay and qualifications of librarians in Universities and colleges, are still under examination.

Government land available for Cultivation

949. SHRI DEORAO PATIL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether a final survey has been made in all the States regarding Government land available for cultivation and for the distribution amongst the members of the weaker sections of the rural community;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and

(c) what special steps are proposed to be taken to complete the distribution work of these lands in each State within a fixed period ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI PRABHUDAS PATEL) : (a) and (b) A statement is placed below.

(c) The State Governments have been fully alive to the need for distributing available land to the members of the weaker sections of the community. Reports received from them indicate that so far over 8