

Name of the Institution	Allocation for the year 1972-73
	Rs.
71. B.I.T.S., Pilani	1,00,000
72. Gujarat Vidyapith	40,000
73. Gurukul Kangri	15,000
74. I.I.Sc., Bangalore	1,25,000
75. Indian School of Mines, Dhanbad	25,000
76. Jamia Millia	15,000
77. Kashi Vidyapith	40,000
78. Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Bombay	25,000
Total	83,85,000

FREIGHT RATES

108. SHRIMATI: PRATIBHA SINGH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that several American Shipping Lines have lately decided to enhance freight rates on goods moving between India and U.S.A.;

(b) whether the Freight Investigation Bureau set up by the Centre has lodged any protests against the proposed increases with the Shipping Conferences concerned;

(c) if so, the reaction of the Shipping Conferences concerned;

(d) whether the All-India Shippers Council has obtained cost and revenue data from the Conferences to ascertain that the freight hike is justifiable and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether Government propose to send or have sent any deputation to the USA for talks over the matter; if so when and what precise subjects/ proposals are to be discussed there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI M. B. RANA): (a) Yes, Sir. India-Pacific coast of U.S.A. Conferences had announced increase in freight rates on goods moving between India and Pacific Coast of U.S.A.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) The increases were to be effective from 17th August, 1972 and 1st September, 1972. In two cases the Conferences postponed the increase till 1st January, 1973 and in another to 20th February, 1973.

(d) Freight Investigation Bureau are not aware of any cost and revenue data having been given to All-India Shippers Council by the Conference lines.

(e) There is no proposal at present to send any deputation to U.S.A.

T. B. HOSPITALS IN RURAL AREAS

109. SHRI S. KUMARAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the available beds for tuberculosis patients in the hospitals of the country are mainly concentrated in big cities;

(b) whether as a result thereof, T.B. patients in the rural areas are left without proper treatment; and

(c) if so, whether Government have any proposal to set up T.B. hospitals in the rural areas?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI A. K. KISKU): (a) Most of the available beds for tuberculosis patients are located in cities and sub-divisional towns.

(b) No. With the advent of the anti-TB drugs, the majority of TB patients can be treated as out-patients as effectively as hospital in-patients. Facilities for diagnosis and treatment of the TB patients are available in the rural areas under the District TB control Programme. The actually ill patients and those requiring surgical treatment are referred to the TB Hospitals Sanatoria for treatment as in-patients.

(c) There is no proposal to set up T.B. hospitals in rural areas as such. However, during the 4th Plan period it is proposed to establish 2,500 T.B. beds in the country under the