

call upon the ophthalmologists to play a vital role in spreading the knowledge of this science on a progressive way particularly in rural areas for the benefit of the under privileged sections;

(b) whether Government would like to introduce the need for more mobile hospitals, service and more dedicated workers to prevent and cure the eye diseases; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (PROF. A. K. KISKU): (a) No.

(b) and (c). A Mobile Training-cum-Service Hospital Scheme has been evolved to render competent health and medical care and specialist and Family Planning Services to the rural population and to orient the final year medical and nursing students and interns in curative, preventive and promotive aspects of rural community medicine with a view to enable them to work in rural areas. The patients suffering from all kinds of diseases including eye diseases are treated and eye operations performed in the mobile hospitals, and no separate camps for eye diseases only are organised by the mobile hospitals.

VASECTOMY OPERATIONS IN WEST BENGAL

1509. SHRI N. R. CHOUDHURY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons who have undergone vasectomy operations in the State of West Bengal during the years 1970-71 and 1971-72; and

(b) the targets fixed by Central Government for 1973 and the expenditure sanctioned for this purpose?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI KONDAJJI BASAPPA): (a) The

number of persons who underwent vasectomy operations in the State of West Bengal during the years 1970-71 and 1971-72 was 63,764 and 60,166 respectively.

(b) A target of 458,740 sterilisation operations has been fixed for West Bengal for the year 1972-73; separate targets are not fixed for vasectomy and tubectomy.

Separate financial allocation has not been made for Vasectomy Programme. The total allocation made for Family Planning Programme to West Bengal during 1972-73 is Rs. 280 lakhs.

TRACTORS IMPORTED BY HARSHA TRACTORS LTD.

1510. SHRI KALI MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tractors imported by Harsha Tractors Limited from the Soviet Union with 20 per cent deletions till February, 1973;

(b) the number of them said; and

(c) the ex-factory price of Harsha T-25 tractors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHAB SHINDE): (a) 800 nos.

(b) 788 nos.

(c) The tractors are now being sold by the firm at a tentative ex-factory price of Rs. 19,400 inclusive of excise duty pending fixation of the final price.

SUPPLY OF T-25 IMPORTED TRACTORS BY BIHAR AGRO-INDUSTRIES CORPORATION

1511. SHRI KALI MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that T-25 imported tractors supplied by Bihar Agro-Industries Corporations to farmers are not working satisfactorily; and