

603. [Transferred to the 6th March 1973]

DROUGHT RELIEF STAMP

604. SHRI N. R. CHOUDHURY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to stay permanently the refugees relief stamp and convert it into drought relief stamp, in view of the prevailing drought conditions throughout the country; and

(b) if so, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHAB SHINDE) : (a) and (b) On the eve of the presentation of Budget it would not be in public interest to disclose the information required.

AFFILIATION OF HIGH SCHOOL OF CALCUTTA TO THE CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD AT DELHI

605. SHRI SARDAR AMJAD ALI DR. R. K. CHAKRABARTI :

Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Hindi High School at 1, Moire Street, Calcutta, is affiliated to Central School Board at Delhi instead of Higher Secondary Board at West Bengal; and

(b) if so, whether the Government will allow schools of one State to get affiliated to Higher Secondary Board of another State ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI D. P. YADAV):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Central Board of Secondary Education is an autonomous body and under the rules of the Board any educational institution in India or outside India

which wishes to prepare candidates for the examination conducted by it can apply to the Board for affiliation. Institutions receiving grant-in-aid from State Govts. are, however, required to sent their applications through the Director of Education of the State concerned.

COERCION FOR VASECTOMY OPERATIONS

606. SHRI K. P. SUBRAMANIA MENON : Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether there have been serious complaints of coercion being used to get people for the vasectomy operations being conducted in many States;

(b) if so, whether Government have looked into these complaints; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to remedy the situation ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI KONDAJI BASAPPA) : (a) to (c) : Family Planning Programme is a voluntary programme and there is no element of coercion in it. However, some stray cases of coercion have been reported to Government and these have been referred to the concerned State Governments for necessary action. It has been made clear to the State Governments that vasectomy operation should be performed only with the willing consent of the concerned persons.

INCREASE OF SEATS IN MEDICAL COLLEGES BY STATES

607. SHRI K. P. SUBRAMANIA MENON : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is fact that Ministry has warned the State Governments against increasing the seats in medical colleges;