

Medical College, Delhi in 1969, '70 and '71; and the exact title of each paper presented by him at each of these conferences;

(b) how many of these papers related to drug trials;

(c) the amount spent on air journey to and from and the period and the places of his stay abroad each time;

(d) whether he has made a declaration that he himself met the entire expenses each time, and

(e) if not, who financed his expenses on each trip ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (DR. DEBI-PRASAD CHATTOPADHYAYA) : (a)
The information is given below :

Year	Details of the Conference	Exact title of each paper
1969	International Diabetic Conference at Germany on 27th & 28th January, 1969. The Conference was organised by Germany Diabetic Association.	'Diabetes'
1970	Conference organised by International Federation of Diabetes in Buenos Aires Argentina, in August, 1970.	'Glucose intolerance and immunoreactive insulin in liver diseases'
1971	European Conference of Rheumatology in Brighton, U. K., held in June, 1971.	'Kidney in Rheumatoid Arthritis'

(b) None.

(c) to (e)

1969

Dr. H. Vaishnava stayed in Germany for two days in a hostel and his entire expenditure was borne by the hosts, namely the German Diabetic Association.

1970

The expenses (about Rs. 14,000/-) for attending the Conference were met by the Argentinian Branch of the International Diabetic Federation. Dr. Vaishnava stayed during the journey in Rio at Brazil with Information Secretary, Indian Embassy in Brazil.

1971

Dr. Vaishnava stayed in U. K. with Mr. Saklani, an old Indian resident in that country. An amount of Rs. 5,000 was spent by Dr. Vaishnava.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON UNTOUCHABILITY, ECONOMIC AND EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE SCHEDULED CASTES

832. SHRI N. H. KUMBHARE : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have examined the recommendations of the Committee on Untouchability, Economic and Educational Development of the Scheduled Castes;

(b) if so, what recommendations have been accepted by the Government; and

(c) what steps are being taken to give effect to the recommendations that have been approved ?

[THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI K. S. RAMASWAMY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Majority of the recommendations of Elayaperumal Committee fall within the sphere of action by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations, and these have been referred to them for necessary action. The Major recommendations with which the Central Government are concerned relate to the Untouchability (Offences) Act, 1955. The Committee's suggestions for enhancement of punishment under the Act have been agreed to and the Bill in this regard is already before Parliament.

APPOINTMENT OF HAKIMS AND VAIDS IN RURAL AREAS

833. SHRI M. ASAD MADANI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is fact that there is acute shortage of doctors in rural areas; and

(b) if so, whether Government are considering a proposal to appoint Hakims and Vaid in rural areas as substitutes for doctors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (DR. DEBI-PRASAD CHATTOPADHYAYA) : (a) In so far as Primary Health Centres are concerned only about 3.4% of them were without doctors as on 31st December, 1971. However, in the rural areas as a whole there is shortage of doctors.

(b) Efforts are being made to strengthen the medical and health care facilities in the rural areas by the utilisation of the available manpower under the various system of medicine including the indigenous systems.

HOMOEOPATHY AND UNANI SYSTEMS OF MEDICINES

834. SHRI M. ASAD MADANI :

SHRI GURUMUKH SINGH
MUSAFIR :

SHRI MOHAMMED USMAN
ARIF :

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

(a) whether there is separate post of an Adviser for Homoeopathy system of Medicine; if so, whether similar post will be created for Unani system of Medicine;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Government are considering a proposal to establish an All India Institute for Ayurveda and for Unani; and

(c) whether Government have considered the necessity of opening Unani Dispensaries under Central Government Health Scheme; if so, the decision taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (DR. DEBI-PRASAD CHATTOPADHYAYA) : (a) There is a separate Honorary Adviser for Homoeopathy. For Ayurveda, Unani and Siddha Systems of India Medicine there is a common Adviser who is assisted by a team of technical officers qualified in Unani Tibb. However, if and when the work load on development programmes of Unani System of medicine increases, the position will be reviewed.

(b) It has been agreed in principle to establish an All India Institute of Ayurveda.

(c) There has not been any appreciable demand from Central Government employees for the opening of any Unani dispensary under the Central Government Health Scheme. However, the matter is under consideration.