

It has recently been decided to introduce a scheme for payment of death-cum-retirement gratuity to personnel of the Armed Forces, generally on the pattern of the scheme for payment of such gratuity to civil Government servants.

OPENING OF MEDICAL COLLEGES

597. SHRI. A. KHAJA MOHIDEEN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of medical colleges to be opened during the Fourth Five Year Plan period;

(b) the names of the places where these colleges would be opened; and

(c) the approximate amount of money to be spent, college-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI K. K. SHAH) : (a) 10 medical colleges are proposed to be opened during the Fourth Five Year Plan period.

(b) These colleges have been recommended by the IVth Plan Working Group to be opened as follows :

Bihar	1
Haryana	1
Gujarat	1
Madhya Pradesh	1
Maharashtra	2
Uttar Pradesh	2
West Bengal	2
TOTAL :	10

Out of these 10 medical colleges proposed to be opened, two have already come up, one at Sewagram in Maharashtra and the other at Burdwan in West Bengal. The exact location of the other colleges is to be decided by the State Governments concerned.

(c) The scheme relating to the setting up of new medical colleges in the Fourth Plan is in the State Sector. It is, therefore, for the concerned State Government to make financial provisions for this purpose in their respective State plans.

The setting up of a new medical college of 100 annual admissions with the full complex of teaching hospitals having indoor bed-strength and other requisites according to the standards laid down by the Medical Council of India, involves a total expenditure of roughly about Rs. 3 crores. This amount may, however, vary

depending upon local conditions and the availability of hospitals with the required number of beds in the neighbourhood which may be utilised as teaching beds.

SOUTH KOREAN DELEGATIONS TO INDIA

598. SHRI MONORANJAN ROY :
DR. K. MATHEW KURIAN :
SHRI K. P. SUBRAMANIAM
MENON :
SHRI SALIL KUMAR GAN-
GULY :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of South Korean delegations and dignitaries who have visited India during 1970 or are scheduled to visit India in December, 1970.

(b) the details of the delegations with the names and designations of each of the delegates;

(c) what were the purposes for which each of these delegations came to India; and

(d) the places in our country visited by each of these delegations ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) Two official delegations from the Republic of Korea visited India during 1970. No other delegations are due to visit India this year.

(b) (1) Mr. Jea-II-Koh, Administrator, Office of Supply of the Republic of Korean Government and Mr. Park Song Chul, Assistant to the Administrator.

(2) Mr. Shi Hyung Cho, Minister of Agriculture & Forestry and Mr. Duck Yong Rhee, Assistant Vice-Minister of Agriculture and Forestry.

(c) Mr. Koh came to India to explore the possibility of improving trade between India and the Republic of Korea.

The Minister of Agriculture and Forestry came to preside over the meeting of the Afro-Asian Rural Reconstruction Organization.

(d) Mr. Koh visited industrial installations in Lucknow, Varanasi, Bhubaneswar, Ranchi, Madras, Bangalore, Bombay, and Calcutta. Mr. Shi Hyung Cho visited the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi and Agra.