

(b) whether the Government propose to make it compulsory for the fresh Doctors coming out of Medical Colleges to serve for a specified period in the rural areas; and

(c) if so, the details of the decision taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. S. CHANDRASEKHAR) : (a) Yes, doctors are generally reluctant for posting in rural areas. However, out of 4,919 Primary Health Centres functioning there were only 352 such centres without doctors in the 31-3-1969.

(b) and (c) While there is no proposal to introduce a compulsory service for the doctors in rural areas, the Third Conference of Deans and Principals of Medical Colleges recommended that in the internship programme, one year's work for Maternity and Child Health and Family Planning in a rural centre should be compulsory, and if necessary, the total period of internship could be increased by six months or a year.

This recommendation is under consideration in consultation with the Medical Council of India and the State Governments.

NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION SCHEME

137. SARDAR HARCHARAN SINGH DUGAL : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a survey has been conducted under the National Capital Region Scheme to develop certain towns near to the Capital of the country;

(b) if so, the findings of the survey and decision taken as a result thereof; and

(c) the details of the programme to develop cities as a result of the survey and how far it will help in removing residential and other accommodation problems of Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI B. S. MURTHY) : (a)

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and (b) The Town and Country Planning Organisation have conducted preliminary studies of the Region, which indicate that there is good scope for development of towns like Meerut, Ghaziabad, Hapur, Khurja and Modinagar in Uttar Pradesh, Faridabad, Ballabgarh, Gurgaon, Bahadurgarh, Sonapat, Rohtak and Panipat in Haryana, and Alwar in Rajasthan. The development of these towns is the responsibility of the State Governments concerned.

(c) The details are to be worked out by the State Governments.

'CURRENCY CRISIS' IN EUROPE

138. SARDAR HARCHARAN SINGH DUGAL : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the 'Currency Crisis' prevailing since May 1969, in various European countries;

(b) if so, whether any study has been made by Government of the 'Currency Crisis';

(c) whether this 'Currency Crisis' has made any impact on the value of the Indian currency and on Indian trade, and, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to safeguard Indian interests in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI P. C. SETHI) : (a) European exchange markets faced a crisis resulting in large movements of funds from Sterling and other European currencies into Deutsche Mark towards the end of April and the beginning of May, 1969. The exchange markets are more or less settled now.

(b) Yes, Madam.

(c) The crisis did not affect the value of the Indian Rupee and had no significant effect on India's economy and trade.

(d) Does not arise.

CENTRAL ASSISTANCE FOR ANDHRA PRADESH CYCLONE-AFFECTED AREAS

139. SHRI Y. ADINARAYANA REDDY : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have sent a team of officers to estimate the loss due to the recent cyclone in Andhra Pradesh;