The priority dates covered during the last five years in these types are as under:

	Year				reached Dates Types			
						11	III	IV
-	1963	,			30-12-53	[15-5-45	[15-12-54	1-11-54
	1964				19-11-55	19-6-44	12-2-43	7-5-41
	1965				31-12-47	13-10-44	14-8-42	7-8-42
	1966				9-5-55	1-12-47	27-3-44	16-11-42
	1967	(up t	to 15-6	6-67)	28-8-46	14-12-47	28-12-43	1-4-43

- (c) and (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.
  - (e) No.
  - (f) Does not arise.

## TRAINING CENTRE FOR G.F.A.M. COURSE AT BHUJ

- •631. DR. B. N. ANTAN1: Will the HEALTH Minister of FAMILY'PLANNING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that there is no Training Centre for G.F.A.M. Course at Bhuj, District Kutch in Gujarat; if so, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether he has received repeated representations to open a Centre at Bhuj in view of the isolated geographical situation of Kutch and the consequent difficulties of medical men and students in this district; lind
- (c) whether It is also a fact that centres after centres are being opened in various district towns in Gujarat and Kutch is the only district left without such a centre?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY **PLANNING** (DR. S. CHANDRASEKHAR): (a) and (c) The requisite information has been called for from the State Government and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

(b) Yes. Sir.

## BUDDHIST CONVERTS FROM SCHEDULED **CASTES**

- •632. SHRI GULAM NABI UNTOO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL WEL-FARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that new converts to Buddhism from Scheduled Castes do not enjoy the facilities provided for the Scheduled Castes; and
- (b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE **DEPARTMENT** OF SOCIAL WELFARE (DR. SHRIMATI PHUL-RENU GUHA): (a) and (b) According to the President's orders specifying the Scheduled Castes in the various States/Union Territories, no person who professes a religion different from the Hindu or the Sikh religion is deemed to be a member of the Scheduled Castes. The Scheduled Caste converts to Buddhism are not, therefore, lawfully entitled to be treated as members of the Scheduled Castes.

## Supply of powerine to U. P.

- •553. SHRI TRILOKI SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that adequate arrangements for supply of powerine, the fuel necessary

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