

†[THE MINISTER OF HEALTH (DR. SUSHILA NAYAR) : (a) and (b) The information is not available. It is being collected through our Mission in U.S.A. and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha in due course.]

NATIONALISATION OF GOLD TRADE

*135. SHRI RAM SINGH : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received a representation from the Bharatiya Swarnakar Sangh urging it to take over the gold trade; and

(b) if so, the reactions of Government in the matter ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR SAHU) : (a) The Akhil Bharatiya Swarnakar Sangh have demanded that Government should import and distribute gold to artisans and the public through Government agencies.

(b) It is not possible to concede this demand.

EXCISE DUTY ON POWERLOOMS

*136. { SHRI LOKANATH MISRA :
SHRI DEVI SINGH :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of Excise Duty collected on powerlooms in textile mills during the year 1963-64; and

(b) the amount of such duty collected on powerlooms as are working outside the mills ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR SAHU) : (a) and (b) A statement showing information in regard to Central Excise revenue realised in respect of cotton fabrics produced by composite mills and powerloom units is placed on the Table of the Sabha.

†[English translation.

STATEMENT

Description	(Rs. in thousand) Amount
Central Excise revenue realised during 1963-64 in respect of—	
(a) Cotton fabrics produced by composite mills	75,90,58
(b) Cotton fabrics produced by powerloom units	51,51

SHARAVATHY POWER STATION

*137. DIWAN CHAMAN LALL : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Sharavathy Power Station has been commissioned, and if so, at what cost; and

(b) how many kilowatts of power it will generate ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (DR. K. L. RAO) : (a) The first generating unit (89.1 MW) under Stage I involving installation of two such units has been commissioned recently. The Stage I is estimated to cost Rs. 52.72 crores against which an expenditure amounting to Rs. 50.18 crores is anticipated by March 1965.

(b) The Sharavathy Project will ultimately have 10 units of 89.1 MW, each unit capable of producing 468.3 million kwh at 60% load factor.

AYURVEDIC STUDIES

*138. PROF. SATYAVRATA SIDDH-ANTALANKAR : Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state :

(a) the amount allotted for promotion of the Ayurvedic studies in the country during the Third Five Year Plan; and

(b) the amount that has so far been spent and in what manner ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH (DR. SUSHILA NAYAR) : (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

A total provision of Rs. 681.69 lakhs has been made in the State Plans for the promotion of Indigenous Systems of Medicine which beside Ayurveda include, Siddha Unani, Nature Cure, Yoga and Homoeopathy. Out of this, the State Governments have allotted in all a sum of Rs. 239.21 lakhs for education in Indigenous Systems of Medicine and it is estimated that the total outlay during the Plan period will be Rs. 145.72 lakhs. The State-wise allocation and the anticipated outlay is indicated below :

Name of the State	Plan provision	Anticipated outlay
	(Rs. in lakhs)	
Andhra	6.89	3.42
Assam	—	1.06
Bihar	29.00	2.99
Gujarat	6.00	5.68
Jammu & Kashmir	33.32	29.47
Kerala	27.10	37.41
Madhya Pradesh	24.29	13.33
Madras	25.00	5.00
Maharashtra	12.00	4.87
Mysore	25.00	5.47
Orissa	0.25	—
Punjab	8.90	6.75
Rajasthan	9.00	6.13
U.P.	17.46	10.84
West Bengal	15.00	13.30
TOTAL	239.21	145.72

The actual allotment for Ayurvedic studies and the expenditure incurred by the State Governments is not available.

The Central Government has given, by way of direct grants, from out of the provision of Rs. 100 lakhs for development of Indigenous Systems of Medicine, a total sum of Rs. 6,57,600 for upgrading of three private Ayurvedic Colleges. The Central Government has also given the following grants for the establishment of post-Graduate-cum-Research Centres in Ayurveda :

(1) Banaras Hindu University	11,12,000
(2) Ayurveda Mahavidyalaya, Poona	1,30,000
	12,42,000

The Government of India are also giving an annual grant of Rs. 7.95 lakhs to the Institute for Ayurvedic Studies and Research, Jamnagar. This is a non-Plan scheme.

FAMILY PLANNING AND BIRTH RATE

*139. SHRI M. M. DHARIA : Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state what is the present birth rate in our country and what was the rate when the Family Planning Schemes were first introduced by the Central Government ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH (DR. SUSHILA NAYAR) : The estimated birth rate per 1000 population in 1951-56, when the Family Planning Scheme was first introduced in India, was 41.7. The latest information regarding estimated birth rate per 1000 population is :

1961	41.3
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LAND ALLOTMENT TO THE I.A.E. ASSOCIATION

*140. THAKUR BHANU PRATAP SINGH : Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry allotted land to the Indian Audit Education Association in Indraprastha Estate, Delhi, without consulting the Ministry of Education about the actual requirements of space for the Association;

(b) if so, what were the compelling circumstances for such a decision; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the said Association has rented a major portion of the building to the Board of Higher Secondary Education on high rental basis ?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI MEHR CHAND KHANNA) : (a) and (b) A plot measuring 0.461 acre in the Indraprastha Estate was allotted in 1957 to the Indian Adult Education Association. (Not Indian Audit Education Association). The allotment was made after consulting the Ministry of Education.

(c) Out of about 24,777 square feet of covered area, 8,213 square feet has been rented out to the Board of Higher Secondary Education and the rental is stated to be Rs. 4,500 per month.