

PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India have undertaken any measures for the evaluation of the performance of family planning programme through a body of experts and impartial agencies;

(b) if so, what are those measures and the results thereof; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, whether Government propose to assess the results of the expenditure and efforts made so far with regard to family planning ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH, FAMILY PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. S. CHANDRASEKHAR) : <a> Yes, Sir.

(b) At the request of the Government a United Nations Advisory Mission visited India in 1965-66 for evaluation of Family Planning Programme. A panel of consultants under the aegis of Programme Evaluation Organisation of the Planning Commission also evaluated the performance of family planning programme. A summary of the findings and recommendations in respect of the United Nations Advisory Mission is laid on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix LXVI, Annexure No. 106.] The summary of findings and recommendations of the panel of Consultants of the Programme Evaluation Organisation is contained in Chapter X of their report, copies of which are available in the library of the Parliament.

(c) Does not arise, but the Government have proposed further evaluation of the progress of the programme and have requested the United Nations to send a Mission for the purpose. The Programme Evaluation Organisation have also undertaken evaluation of the Family Planning Programme to assess the results of inputs made.

PROPAGANDA WORK FOR PROCREATION

*684. SHRI THILLAI VILLALAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH, FAMILY

PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Department of Family Planning is also doing propaganda work for procreation in cases of couples without children ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH, FAMILY PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT : No specific propaganda is conducted; services are provided, where feasible, for treating sterility.

CANCELLATION OF ADMISSIONS IN THE RAJENDRA MEDICAL COLLEGE, RANCHI

*685. SHRI M. ASAD MADANI: Will the Minister of HEALTH, FAMILY PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the admission of some students of the first year of MBBS course was cancelled in July, 1968 by the authorities of the Rajendra Medical College, Ranchi, Bihar; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH, FAMILY PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SATYA NARAYAN SINHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This was in pursuance of the orders of the High Court.

LOANS TO AGRICULTURISTS FOR PURCHASE OF FERTILIZERS

*638. SHRI S. D. UPADHYAYA :

SHRI NIRANJAN VARMA :

SHRI NIRANJAN SINGH :

SHRI RAM SAHAI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what rate of interest is charged by the Reserve Bank of India from the Commercial Banks for funds made available to them for distribution as loan to agriculturists for the purchase of fertilizers;

(b) what is the rate of interest which the Reserve Bank charges for making

•(■) Transferred from the 23rd August, 1968.