

**Affiliation of medical colleges with district hospital**

703. SHRIMATI VASANTHI STANLEY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would consider making it compulsory for Centrally sponsored medical colleges to be affiliated to district hospitals or health centres; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAJD): (a) and (b) No such proposal is presently under consideration.

**Establishment of AIIMS-like institute in Himachal Pradesh**

704. SHRIMATI BIMLA KASHYAP SOOD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has given permission to set up 6 AIIMS like institutions in different States of the country under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY);

(b) if so, the date of approval and the amount being spent on each institution/hospital;

(c) whether Government proposes to build a similar institution under the above said scheme in Shimla or any district of Himachal Pradesh; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Government of India is setting up of six AIIMS-like institutions, one each at Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh), Bhubaneswar (Orissa), Jodhpur (Rajasthan), Patna (Bihar), Raipur (Chhattisgarh), and Rishikesh (Uttarakhand) under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY), at an estimated cost of Rs. 840 Crore each, including a provision of Rs. 20 Crore for Nursing College. These projects were approved by Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) in March, 2006.

(c) No.

(d) Dr. Rajendra Prasad Government Medical College, Tanda in the State of Himachal Pradesh has been taken up for upgradation in the second phase of PMSSY.

**Prescription of medicines by brand names instead of composition**

705. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the practice of prescribing medicines by doctors by brand names instead of composition is hurting Indian consumers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that medicine companies are not just sponsoring