16	Written Answers to	[RAJYA SABHA]		Starred Questions
1	2	3	4	5
3	Building of Medical college – OPD, trauma centre, auditorium, lecture theatre etc	20.00	6.00	Rohtak
4	Construction of Anganwadi centres	15.00	4.50	Ambala, Jind, Bhiwani, Hisar, Karnal, Rohtak, Gurgaon, Faridabad, Kurukshetra, Sonipat, Panchkula, Rewari, Panipat, Kaithal, Yamuna Nagar, Jhajjar, Fatehabad and Mewat
5	Creation of infrastructure for ITIs	25.00	7.50	Ballah, Bhodia Khera (Fatehabad), Sadhora, Kalka at Bitna
	TOTAL	110.00	33.00	

Demand of Dalit Christians for SC status

*168. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Dalit Christians have been demanding Scheduled Caste (SC) status since long;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the Andhra Pradesh Assembly has sent a Bill in this regard, after passing it to the Centre for its approval; and
 - (c) if so, the reasons for delay in approving the same?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI MUKUL WASNIK): (a) There have been demands from various quarters to grant the status of Scheduled Castes (SCs) to those converts to Christianity, who may have originally belonged to castes which are currently specified as Scheduled Castes.

- (b) No Sir.
- (c) A number of Writ Petitions have been filed in the Supreme Court, pleading for SC status for converts to Christianity, who may originally have belonged to castes, which are currently specified as SC. The matter is presently sub-judice.