(b) There is no such proposal to create a separate cadre of Indian Medical Services on the lines of IAS, IPS, IFS, IRS, etc. State Governments concerned have their own cadre for appointing doctors and posting them within the State concerned.

(c) There is no such proposal.

**Moratorium period under PMEGP**

*171. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state whether the moratorium period will be provided for units financed under the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) and that the same will be incorporated in the core banking system of banks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): Government of India in the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) has been implementing a credit-linked subsidy programme named Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) since 2008-09 with Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) as nodal agency at the national level for generating employment in the country by setting up of micro-enterprises in the non-farm sector. Under PMEGP, District Level Task Force Committees (DLTFCs) select applications and forward the recommended cases to Banks for sanction of loan.

PMEGP guidelines provide for the units financed under the scheme an initial moratorium before commencement of repayment schedule ranging between 3 and 7 years. Period of such moratorium however, has not been specified, and it has been left to the Banks/ Financial institutions concerned to prescribe the same. The Core Banking System supports incorporation of loan details including moratorium period.

**Rise in cancer cases in the NER**

*172. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that incidence of deaths due to deadly cancer is increasing in North East Region (NER), if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government is planning to establish a National level Cancer Institute or upgrade B. Barooah Cancer Institute at Guwahati; and

(c) the details of steps taken to prevent this deadly disease and to enhance the medical facilities in North East Region?
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) According to estimates of mortality due to Cancer, based on Cancer Registries under the aegis of Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), the incidence of deaths due to cancer is increasing in North East Region in the country. The estimated deaths due to cancer cases are 15996, 16198 and 16409 in the year 2011, 2012 and 2013 respectively.

(b) and (c) Chittaranjan National Cancer Institute (CNCI), Kolkata, is a National level Cancer Institute which also caters to cancer patients from the North-East region. This is in addition to Regional Cancer Centres (RCCs) in the North East region namely, the Dr. B Barooah Cancer Institute, Guwahati, Regional Institute of Medical Sciences, Imphal, Civil Hospital, Agartala in North Eastern region.

While Health is a State subject, the Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Governments for healthcare including prevention and treatment of cancer. In the Twelfth Five Year Plan, Government of India has recently approved a scheme 'Strengthening of Tertiary Care Cancer Facilities' under National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS) to enhance the tertiary care cancer facilities by assisting in setting up of State Cancer Institutes (SCIs) and for setting up/strengthening Tertiary Care Cancer Centres (TCCCs) in different parts of the country. Financial Assistance upto Rs.120 cr. and upto Rs. 45 cr. per SCI and TCCC respectively has been envisaged. The Centre and State share will be in the ratio 75:25 except in North-East and Hill States, where the State share will be 10%. Twenty SCIs in twenty States and fifty TCCCs in different parts of the country can be assisted under the scheme.

Under the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS) Scheme, from 2013-14 onwards, interventions for prevention, early detection, diagnosis and treatment of cancer, which can be taken upto District level, have been brought under the umbrella of National Rural Health Mission (NRHM). State Governments have already been advised to submit their Project Implementation Plans under this programme.

Irregularity in draw of lots for LPG agency

*173. SHRI MOHAMMED ADEEB: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints received from MPs in the Ministry regarding the irregularity in the allotment of LPG gas agency of Gangoh, District Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh, along with the details thereof;