

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) Yes. An All India Institute of Ayurveda at New Delhi is at advance stage of completion.

(c) North-Eastern Institute of Ayurveda and Homoeopathy at Shillong and North-Eastern Institute of Folk Medicine at Pasighat are at advance stage of completion.

Differing estimates on building medical colleges in Rajasthan

†1884. SHRI ASHK ALI TAK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is big difference between estimates of Central Government and State Government for setting-up of medical colleges at Bharatpur, Alwar, Churu, Pali, Barmer, Dungarpur and Bhilwara in the State of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, whether Government proposes to reassess the above said estimates; and

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

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA): (a) to (c) The Central Government is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for "Establishment of Medical Colleges attached with existing District/Referral hospitals" having more than 200 bed strength in identified districts across the country. As per the approval of the Cabinet, the cost ceiling under the scheme is ₹ 189 crore. At present there is no proposal to review the cost ceiling.

Low doctor to population ratio

1885. SHRI D. RAJA:

SHRI S. THANGAVELU:

SHRI T. RATHINAVEL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is lagging behind in the doctor to population ratio by a wide margin, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the country has one doctor for every 1,700 persons against the WHO prescribed standard of one doctor for every 1,000 persons; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.