

facility of National Ambulance Service under the National Health Mission where people can dial 108/102/(104 in Rajasthan) telephone number for calling an ambulance. 108 is predominantly an emergency response system primarily designed to attend to patients of critical care, trauma and accident victims etc. 102 Services are basic patient transport ambulances to cater to the needs of pregnant women and children though other categories of patients are also taking benefit of these services. Presently, 7651, Dial-108 and 8304, Dial 102/104 Emergency Response Service vehicles/ambulances are operational under NHM. Besides these, there are 6199 empanelled vehicles being used as ambulances primarily to carry pregnant women and sick children.

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has also a Central Sector Scheme which has been providing grant-in-aid to the States to establish Skill Centres that would impart skills on emergency life support to doctors, nurses and paramedics.

#### **Delay in promotion of Unani officers in CGHS**

1574. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the promotion of Unani Officers/Doctors in CGHS is long time due;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the corrective steps which have been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH) (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) Promotion case relating to Unani Officers/Doctors in the Central Government Health Scheme for grant of Non-Functional Selection Grade for the panel years 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 has been held up. This has happened on account of the time taken for completion of process for upgradation of below benchmark gradings in Annual Performance Assessment Reports of eligible doctors in terms of Department of Personnel and Training's instructions.

(c) Follow up action with concerned entities is being carried out vigorously, to expedite the matter.

#### **Tobacco consumption in the country**

1575. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of tobacco consumption in urban and rural India;