

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY): (a) to (d) Apart from 6 new functional AIIMS, 15 new AIIMS are being set up under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana. Details of new AIIMS being set up under PMSSY, approved outlay and funds released are given in the Statement (*See* below). [Refer to the Statement-I Appended to Answer to USQ No. 2343, Part (a) to (c)].

(e) Funds are being released as required as per the progress of construction. There is no delay in execution of the projects and the timelines given by Cabinet are being adhered to.

Change in essential qualification for physiotherapist's recruitment

2357. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the essential qualification for recruitment of physiotherapists have been changed from diploma to Bachelor degree in recent times;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the service conditions and financial emoluments have also been changed subsequently; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY): (a) and (b) The essential qualification for recruitment of the post of Physiotherapists in Safdarjung and Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital has been changed recently from diploma to degree as per notified Recruitment Rules. However, as far as Lady Handinge Medical College and associated hospitals is concerned, the essential qualification for the post of physiotherapist is either degree or diploma as per the Recruitment Rules.

(c) and (d) The service condition of the physiotherapist is governed by notified Recruitment Rules and financial emoluments are fixed as per the recommendation of the Central Pay Commission from time to time.

Synthetic drugs

2358. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether manufacturing of synthetic drugs is increasing not only in Hyderabad and Mumbai but throughout India;