

programme, (ii) Wet Land conservation programme, (iii) Scheme on Mangroves, (iv) In-situ and Ex-situ conservation of medicinal plants in the forest areas. These relate to conservation of natural resources including medicinal plants and bio-diversity.

The National Medicinal Plants Boards has sanctioned 29 projects in the North-East (Manipur, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura & Agartala) out of 145 projects for the over all development of medicinal plants sector in the region. The total amount sanctioned for North-East region for these projects by the Board during 2001-2002 is Rs. 4.94/- crores for 1-3 years.

Modernization of Central Government Hospitals

1847. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to modernize and upgrade the facilities in the Central Government Hospitals;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (b) The upgradation/modernization of Central Government Hospitals is a continuous process keeping in view the advancement in medical sciences.

(c) The likely plan expenditure to be incurred during the current financial year on the Central Government Hospitals in Delhi are as under:—

Safdarjung Hospital	Rs. 37.00 Crores
Dr. RML Hospital	Rs. 17.20 Crores
LHMC & Associated Hospitals	Rs. 13.90 Crores
AIIMS	Rs. 105.00 Crores

Registration of ultrasound clinics

1848. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) when was the first ultrasound clinic registered in the country;