

(c) whether the value of dollar has also been decided against the value of rupees;

(d) if so, the rate thereof;

(e) whether the price of rice would increase in terms of rupee by way of the above price system and the subsidy given to the corporation on rice would also decrease; and

(f) if so, the estimate amount of decrease in subsidy alongwith the varieties of rice thereto?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH) : (a) and (b) The Government have recently fixed open sale price for export of rice in dollar terms, chargeable in Indian rupee.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) In view of (c) above, question does not arise.

(e) Not necessarily, Sir. This situation will arise if the exchange (bill) rate of US dollar goes up against Indian Rupees. The reverse will also happen if the US dollar registered a fall.

(f) It is too early to estimate the amount of subsidy savings under the new pricing pattern.

#### **Round the Clock medical facilities**

1480. SHRI MAHESH KANODIA :

SHRI PANKAH CHOWDHARY :

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

(a) whether the Government propose to open small medical centres, maternity and child welfare centres to provide round the clock medical facilities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the places where these centres are proposed to be opened;

(d) the estimated cost of construction thereof; and

(e) the time by which the above medical centres are likely to be opened?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Does not arise.

#### **Sale of Sugar Mills**

1481. SHRI N.J. RATHVA : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that some sugar mills were sold in the name of liberalisation in some States;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the reasons therefor and reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH) : (a) to (c) The Central Government has not received any proposal from the State Governments regarding selling of sugar mills in the name of liberalisation.

#### **Performance of Sugar Mills**

1482. SHRI N.K. BALIYAN : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) the performance of each sugar mill in the public sector during each of the last three years; and

(b) the steps taken to improve the performance of these sugar mills?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH) : (a) A statement showing the performance of each sugar mill in the public sector during each of last three sugar years (October - September) is enclosed.

(b) During the last three years, 5 sugar undertakings in the Public Sector were given financial assistance for modernisation/rehabilitation of their plant and machinery from Sugar Development Fund.

An equal number of the undertakings of the same sector were given funds for implementing cane development schemes from the Sugar Development Fund also.