

Medical Education

207. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:

DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY:

SHRI G.L. KANAUIA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether allopathic system of treatment has got some limitations in curing certain diseases like jaundice, etc.;

(b) whether the Subordinate Legislation Committee of Parliament had recommended that students of Medical Education may be exposed to other therapeutics also, alongwith allopathy, to acquire additional skill for the benefits of suffering humanity;

(c) if so, whether the subject was taken into consideration in the second week of the June last in a meeting of Secretaries of Health Ministries of various States; and

(d) if so, the trends of the Government guidelines in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) In allopathic (Modern Medicine) there is no specific anti viral drug for various types of viral hepatitis. Only supportive therapy is given.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Committee on Sub-ordinate Legislation had inter-alia recommended that the rules/regulations under the Indian Medical Council Act be framed so as to enlarge the scope of medical education by incorporating into it elementary knowledge of the Indigenous systems of medicine including Homoeopathy.

(c) Various recommendations of the Committee as well as related matters were discussed in a meeting taken by Secretary (Health), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare with Health Secretaries of States/U.Ts, held on 12.6.97.

(d) It was the considered view of these that Allopathy, i.e. modern scientific system of medicine, Ayurveda, Unani and Homoeopathy system cannot be intermingled because they are distinct system and each system requires exten-

sive training. However, the possibility of providing services relating to indigenous systems of medicine in general allopathic hospitals so as to give a wider choice to patients was considered to be feasible. This approach was agreed to be adopted selectively.

Poverty Line

208. COL. (RETD) SONA RAM CHOUDHARY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government have conducted any survey about the number of persons living below poverty line in Western Rajasthan;

(b) the number of families brought above poverty line by providing assistance to them during the last three years;

(c) whether the funds earmarked for this purpose have been fully utilised; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI RATNMALA D. SAVANOOR): (a) The Planning Commission estimates the incidence of poverty at national and state level only and not at the regional level within a State.

(b) The estimates of poverty are based on the data from the National Sample Survey on consumer expenditure which is held quinquennially. The latest estimates of the incidence of state-wise poverty is available for 1993-94, based on the NSS consumer expenditure data of 50th Round. The incidence of poverty in Rajasthan for the two latest periods is estimated as 35.15 per cent in 1987-88 and 27.41 per cent in 1993-94.

(c) and (d) The major Poverty Alleviation Programmes being implemented in the rural areas of the country (including the State of Rajasthan) are Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY), Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS). The total allocation and expenditure incurred under these poverty alleviation programmes during Eighth Plan are given in the attached statement.

Statement*Financial Performance under Major Rural Development Programmes during 1992-93 to 1996-97—Rajasthan*

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No	Programmes	1992-93			1993-94			1994-95			1995-96			1996-97			1992-93 to 1996-97		
		Total Allocation	Expenditure	% age Expd.	Total Allocation	Expenditure	% age Expd.	Total Allocation	Expenditure (Prov.)	% age Expd.	Total Allocation	Expenditure (Prov.)	% age Expd.	Total Allocation	Expenditure (Prov.)	% age Expd.	Total Allocation	Expenditure (Prov.)	% age Expd.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
1.	I.R.D.P.	3118.00	3258.25	104.50	4430.00	4213.30	95.11	4393.00	4626.81	105.32	4388.01	4730.24	107.80	4388.01	4102.25	93.49	20717.02	20930.85	101.03
2.	J.R.Y.	15172.01	12246.06	80.71	12961.33	14247.06	109.92	14266.98	13951.90	97.79	18553.85	16430.90	88.56	9146.40	8786.70	95.85	70100.45	65642.62	93.64
	(1st Stream)																		
	(2nd Stream)	-	-	-	4568.75	1628.85	35.65	4568.75	5957.13	130.39	2271.25	1773.49	78.06	-	-	-	11408.75	9359.47	82.04