

AND FAMILY WELFARE SHRI-MATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. However, considering the genuine difficulties faced by the wards of non domiciled employees posted in J & K, a few seats in the Medical Colleges have been reserved for such wards. The wards are expected to appear for the relevant entrance examination. The reserved seats are filled on the basis of merit out of the respective eligible categories of wards.

Ad Hoc Promotion of Vice Principals in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

4484. SHRI SUBASH CHANDRA NAYAK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any provision for ad-hoc promotion of Vice-Principals to the Post of Principal in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) There is never a provision for ad-hoc promotion in recruitment rules; rather, ad-hoc promotions are resorted to because of administrative exigencies where regular appointments cannot be made immediately.

Automatic Elevators in Government Buildings

4485. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether automatic elevators have not been provided in most of Government buildings like Nirman Bhawan, Shastri Bhavan etc. with the result the lifts do not stop on enroute floors wherefrom a bell to stop the lift may have been given; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to replace the same with automatic elevators in Government buildings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The high rise government offices built up to 1970 have lifts which are not of the fully automatic mode and, therefore, require operators.

(b) When such a lift in any of these buildings is beyond economical repairs and becomes unserviceable, it is replaced by a lift of modern design having automatic features. Three lifts each in North and South Block have already been replaced and action for replacement of 11 more lifts is underway. The process of review of the performance of the existing lifts and their serviceability and replacement wherever necessary and funds are available will continue.

ESI Hospitals in Orissa

4486. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ESI hospitals/dispensaries in Orissa; and

(b) the steps taken to clear the proposal for setting up new ESI hospitals and dispensaries in the State?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) At present, there are 4 ESI Hospitals and 51 Dispensaries.

(b) The ESI Corporation has agreed, in principle, to set up 2 more ESI hospitals, one each at Rourkela and Bhubaneswar. Land for the hospital at Rourkela has already been purchased. The construction of Hospital at Rourkela has, however, been deferred, pending certain improvements in the existing hospitals. The land for the hospital at Bhubaneswar is yet to be allotted by the State Government. There is at present no proposal for setting up any new dispensary in the State.