

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAJ NARAIN): (a) Medical Council of India has prescribed that no candidate shall be allowed to be admitted to the Medical College until he has completed the age of 17 years at the time of admission or will complete the age on or before 31st December of the year of his admission to the 1st M.B.B.S. course.

For admission to 5-1/2 years integrated MBBS course the candidate should have completed the age of 16 years at the time of admission or will complete this age on 31st December of the year of admission to the pre-medical course.

No relaxation in the age of admission to the medical (MBBS) course is permissible.

(b) The minimum age for admission to the MBBS course shall be the same for students admitted after 10+2 Higher Secondary Course, and no relaxation in this regard is permissible.

**Sending of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe candidates to Foreign Countries for Fellowships and Scholarships**

2786. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes sent by Government to different countries on W.H.O. fellowships and commonwealth scholarships during the last two years;

(b) the criteria adopted by Government for such a selection; and

(c) the names of candidates who were sent to foreign countries under the schemes and the names of the States from which they were selected and to which disciplines they belonged?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAJ NARAIN): (a) to (c). The requisite information is being collected and will be laid down on the table of the Sabha.

**Steel Production**

2787. SHRI K. KUNHAMBU:  
SHRI VAYALAR RAVI:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of steel in major steel plants for the last three years; and

(b) the total export made and money earned therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI BIJU PATNAIK): (a) The total production of saleable steel from the six integrated steel plants at Bhilai, Durgapur, Rourkela, Bokaro, Burnpur (IISCO) and Jamshedpur (TISCO) was 4.900 million tonnes in 1974-75, 5.778 million tonnes in 1975-76 and 6.922 million tonnes in 1976-77.

(b) The following table indicates the quantity and value of steel exported during the years 1974-75, 1975-76 and 1976-77:—

(Quantity In '000 tonnes)

(Value Rs. in crores).

1974-75		1975-76		1976-77	
Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
52.13	10.93	506.14	86.91	1409.24	260.51