

and teaching hospitals. Psychiatry units and mental hospitals also operate out-patient clinics which are the main sources of mental health services in most cities. A plan has been drawn up for implementation during the Seventh Five-Year Plan period (subject to availability of resources) which aims at providing basic mental health facilities through community outreach programmes. Ministry of Social and Women's Welfare have the following programmes for the rehabilitation of the mentally retarded:-

- (1) Scheme of assistance to voluntary organisations in the area of disabled.
- (2) Scheme of scholarships for disabled children.
- (3) Special Employment Exchange and Special Cells in Employment Exchanges.
- (4) District Rehabilitation Centre Scheme.

Utilisation of Oil Tankers for Transportation of Water to Arab Countries

3653. SHRI HUSSAIN DALWAI : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal before Government to utilise oil tankers on their return journey to Middle East countries for transporting water from India to the Arab countries which are facing shortage of water; and

(b) whether Government are aware that such a proposal has already been implemented by Japan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) No such proposal has been received in the recent past.

(b) No, Sir.

Imbalance between Thermal and Hydel Generation

3654. SHRI SATYENDRA NARAYAN SINHA : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government is aware of any imbalance between hydel and thermal generation of power in the total energy generation picture of the country;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to remedy the situation;

(c) whether in this context, it has proposed early completion of four major hydel projects in Sikkim, Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and U.P. ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) to (d) While both the hydro and thermal sources are being developed, there has been decline in the proportion of hydro capacity. Presently, the installed hydro capacity accounts for about 34% of the total installed capacity in the country.

All efforts are being made to accelerate the tempo of hydro development. However, the main constraint has been the limited availability of financial resources.

Proposal to Abolish Public School System in the Country

3655. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA : Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state :

(a) the number of public school in the country, which are running on Government aid; and

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consiration to abolish public school system in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) The desired information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

(b) No, Sir.

Floods in Frahmputra

3656. SHRI B. V. DESAI : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :