

OLD Age Homes and Orphanages

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6395. SHRI KRISHAN DUTT SULTANPURI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of old age homes and orphanages separately functioning in the country;

(b) the number out of them opened during the current financial year;

(c) whether some of these homes are managed by voluntary organisations; and

(d) if so, the amount allocated by the Union Government to such voluntary organisations during 1992-93?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a). So far 34 Old Age Homes have been financed by the Government of India. The financing of Orphanages and Destitute Homes under the Centrally-Sponsored Scheme is done on the basis of sanctions made by the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations concerned. The Scheme, called Children in Need of Care and Protection, has been transferred to the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations with effect from 1.4.1992. Information with regard to the number of Orphanages functioning under the Scheme is being collected from the State Government and Union Territory Administrations.

(b) Out of 34 Old Age Homes, 22 have been opened during 1992-93 financial year.

(c) Yes Sir.

(d) The amount released by the Union Government to the voluntary organisations during 1992-93 financial year for Old Age Homes, Orphanages and Destitute Homes is Rs. 546.21 lakhs; Rs. 25.83 lakhs for Old Age Homes and Rs. 520.38 lakhs for Orphanages and Destitute Homes respectively.

[*Translation*]

Cataract Operations

6396. SHRI CHETAN P.S. CHAUHAN:

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

(a) the estimated number of persons who have to undergo Glaucoma Cataract operation;

(b) the number of persons who are joining the list every year;

(c) the number of persons who are becoming blind every year due to deficiency of vitamin A; and

(d) the funds provided for prevention of blindness during 1991-92 and 1992-93?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) A WHO assisted Survey (1986-89) has estimated that there are 12 million blind persons in India out of which 80.1 per cent are blind on account of cataract and 1.7 per cent due to Glaucoma.

(b) and (c) No nation-wide survey has been conducted on the annual incidence of blindness on account of Glaucoma, Cataract and vitamin A deficiency. However, as per the survey of Blindness prevalence of Vitamin A deficiency among children under 6 years is 6.01%

(d) The funds released under National programme for control of Blindness during 1991-92 and 1992-93 were Rs. 9.70 crores and Rs. 20.00 crores respectively.

[*English*]

Hydrocarbons In Barak Valley Of Assam

6397. SHRI UDDHAB BARMAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bark Valley of Assam is a