

every 200 sales premises. In this way sampling of drugs can be increased. State Government have been advised to give effect to the recommendations of the Task Force. The recommendations made in the 16th Report of the Estimates Committee (Seventh Lok Sabha) for augmenting testing facilities have been accepted by Government. State Government have been requested to augment testing facilities. In addition, proposals for increasing the testing facilities at Central Drug Laboratory, Calcutta and C. I. P. L., Ghaziabad, during the 7th Plan have been approved.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Under the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, the State Government have to appoint Government Analysts in respect of their State. There are no plan to undertake testing for all the State centrally under one authority.

(d) There are already 73 laboratories under the control of State Government/ local bodies in addition to four central food laboratories, who undertake analysis of food samples under the provisions of PFA, 1954. There is no proposal to undertake testing for all the States centrally under one authority.

Short Term Community Health Workers Course

1955. SHRIMATI KISHORI SINHA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government intend to start short term community health workers course as reported in the Hindustan Times dated 8 July, 1986 ;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Indian Medical Association to this proposal ;

(c) whether Government have obtained expert medical advice on this scheme ; and

(d) whether there would be adequate safeguards against the community health workers ending up in urban areas ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) to (d). the Hindustan Times dated 8th July, 1986 mentions about the training of Community Health Supervisors. The creation of this cadre of Community Health Supervisors is part of the revised strategy for Family Welfare Programme. It is yet to be finalised.

Students Registered in Study Centre of Indira Gandhi Open University

1956. SHRI E. AYYAPU REDDY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the number of students registered in the study centres started by the Indira Gandhi Open University and the various Faculties for which the students have made registration ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAH) : So far no Study Centre has been started by the Indira Gandhi National Open University nor has students registration commenced.

New Railway Lines in Mewat Region

1957. SHRI RAHIM KHAN : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to undertake construction of new railway lines in Mewat region comprising districts of Alwar, Gurgaon, Faridabad and Bharatpur of Haryana and Rajasthan ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (c). Construction of rail line between Mathura and Alwar is in progress. Survey for a rail line by-passing Delhi between Khurja, Palwal and Rohtak is in progress for