

statue of Lord Gomateswara and the surrounding area; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) The colossal monolithic statue of Lord Gomateswara is a centrally protected monument under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958. As such the Archaeological Survey of India is responsible for its preservation and maintenance and necessary conservation measures both structural and chemical are undertaken from time to time as per actual requirement.

(b) The expenditures incurred during the last three years are as follows:

Year	Expenditure
1977-78	Rs. 5,000/-
1978-79	Rs. 13,929/-
1979-80	Rs. 15,425/-

Separate Department for Basic Specialities in Medical Courses of A.M.U.

5810. SHRI S. B. SIDNAL: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 stipulate that a university conducting M.B.B.S. course should have separate and independent department for basic specialities like ear, nose and throat and orthopaedic and paediatric science department;

(b) whether the absence of such an arrangement in the Aligarh Muslim University would not have adverse effect on the quality and efficiency of its medical courses; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Although the Medical Council of India are of the view that the absence of separate and independent departments for the basic specialities in question will have an adverse effect on the quality and efficiency of the Medical Courses, the Aligarh Muslim University has stated that the quality and efficiency of its M.B.B.S. course as such will not be adversely affected because the medical college of the University has a full-fledged and well-equipped department of Surgery fully manned with specialised teachers in different branches of that discipline including Orthopaedics Surgery, Ear, Nose and Throat etc. However, in keeping with the recommendations and regulations of the Medical Council of India, the Academic Council of the Aligarh Muslim University has already approved the proposal for creating independent departments for Orthopaedics, Paediatrics, ENT etc. The proposals, when approved by the Executive Council of the University, will be submitted to the Visitor for approval.

Waiting List for Telephone Connections in Delhi (Exchange-Wise)

5811. SHRI R.L.P. VERMA:

SHRI KRISHAN DATT
SULTANPURI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons on the waiting list for provision of telephone connections in Delhi till 30th June, 1980, Exchange-wise;

(b) the expansion programme during the current financial year in Delhi, Exchange-wise; and