

Qualified Nurses

5268. SHRI M. KATHAMUTHU : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether India has adequate number of qualified nurses at present ;

(b) the total number of nurses who qualified themselves in 1970-71 in India ; and

(c) whether Government propose to increase facilities to train up adequate number of male and female nurses ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI D. P. CHATTOPA-DHYAYA) : (a) Except in a few Union Territories like NEFA, Tripura, Goa and the State of Bihar, by and large, adequate number of qualified nurses are available for the existing posts. However, their availability falls short of requirements, if the norms of 1 nurse to 5 beds. as proposed in the Fourth Plan, is considered.

(b) The information for 1970-71 is not yet available, and is being collected. It will be placed on the Table of the House as soon as it is received.

(c) Training of nurses has been assigned to the state sector and the State Governments are expected to provide suitable facilities for training of nurses to meet their requirements.

Expenditure by Equating Scales of Armed Services to Scales of Indian Administrative Service

5269. SHRI B. V. NAIK : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state the net additional cost of the Exchequer by equating the scales of the Armed Services to the scales of the Indian Administrative Service ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM) : The net additional cost to the exchequer of the suggestion to equate scales of pay of the officers of the Armed Services to the scales of pay of officers of the Indian Administrative Service is estimated to be Rs. 13.83 crores approxi-

mately. Service-wise breakdown will be as follows :

	(Rs. in crores approx.)
Army	10.52
Navy	0.91
Air Force	2.40
TOTAL	13.83

Soda Ash Factory in North Kanara District

5270. SHRI B. V. NAIK : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state whether paddy fields will be spared from being converted into salt pans for the soda ash factory to be set up in North Kanara District ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : There is no proposal to set up a Soda Ash Factory in North Kanara District. M/s, Ballarpur Paper and Straw Board Mills Limited have, however, been issued a letter of intent for setting up a caustic soda factory near Karwar. The Mysore State Industrial Investment and Development Corporation Limited had a proposal to establish a salt plant in Karwar District for supplying industrial grade salt to the proposed caustic soda factory. M/s Ballarpur Paper and Straw Board Mills Limited are implementing the salt project also for the same purpose. The subject of conversion of paddy fields into salt pans is the concern of the State Government.

लूप का उपयोगी न होना

5271. श्री फूल चन्द वर्मा : क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार नियोजन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या लूप के उपयोगी न होने के सम्बन्ध में सरकार को शिकायतें प्राप्त हुई हैं ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस बारे में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?