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Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Urban Development be pleased to state:

(a) whether the night shelters provided for the pavement dwellers are adequate to meet the needs of the situation in Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that the watchmen and chowkidars appointed in the night shelters behave rudely towards the dwellers; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that sometimes there are persons who are gamblers and opium addicts in the night shelters?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Urban Development (Shri Mehr Chand Khanna): (a) Yes.

(b) Not to our knowledge but if a specific case is brought to our notice the matter will be looked into.

(c) There may be some gamblers and opium addicts among the persons who come to the night shelters but it is difficult to detect them when they come there for sleeping at night. However, gambling or drugging is not allowed inside the shelters.

Mudaliar Committee on Health Survey and Planning

277. **Shri Ram Harkh Yadav:** Will the Minister of Health and Family Planning be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of nurses in the country at present;

(b) the progress so far made in the implementation of the recommendations of the Mudaliar Committee on Health Survey and Planning; and

(c) the difficulties in the prompt implementation thereof?

The Minister of Health and Family Planning (Dr. Sushila Nayar):

(a) The total number of nurses in the country at present is about 45,000. There are also 35,000 Midwives and Auxiliary Nurse-Midwives and 2,500 Health Visitors.

(b) and (c). Most of the important recommendations of the Mudaliar Committee such as qualifications for admission to the basic course in nursing, medium of instruction, introduction of training in District Headquarters Hospitals, minimum number of annual admissions, free concessions to nurses, continuance of the training of Dais, promotion of graduate nurses to higher grades after experience training of men nurses for certain types of work have been or are being implemented by most of the States and Union Territories.

The Central Government are giving grants-in-aid to State Government institutions and private institutions in the States for training of Nurses and Auxiliary Nurse Midwives. It is expected that the ratio of Auxiliary Nurse Midwives to population will be about 1:6,000 by 1971.

Nurses of different categories are eligible for higher training if they possess the requisite educational qualification and/or experience in nursing.

Refresher courses are being arranged by the Central Government to acquaint nurses of different categories with the latest developments in their respective fields of nursing.

Limited financial resources and inadequate availability of trained staff are the major difficulties in the way of speedy and full implementation.

Conversion of Provident Fund into Pension

278. **Shri D. C. Sharma:**
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