

As regards implementation of the protocol, negotiations are in progress between both sides for finalising the visits of the sports specialists, experts and teams. Regarding appointment of Russian Coaches, Government have approved the appointment of Russian Coaches on contract basis in the sports disciplines of Athletics, Greco-Roman Wrestling, Throwing and Sports Physiology.

Effects of DDT

2214. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any research or study had been undertaken by the Indian Council of Medical Research on the effect of D.D.T. on women;

(b) if so, the details and findings thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to an ICMR-study on the effect of DDT on women, further studies are required to evaluate the exact role of DDT compounds in uterine leiomyomas. Another study on pesticide residues in pregnant women indicated presence of pesticides in breast milk, maternal blood, placenta blood and placenta.

(c) Use of DDT in agriculture is already banned. The use of BHC has been banned from 1.4.97. Although restricted quantities of DDT are being used in areas where malaria vector mosquitos is responding to DDT and for Kala-azar control, several alternatives such as new generation insecticides and bio-environmental have also been identified now out the use of DDT is being phased out. However pesticide residue remain in the soil for several decade and find their way into the food Chain. This phenomenon is world wide and not restricted only to India.

Medical Facilities

2215. SHRI K.P. NAIDU :

SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR :

SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH :

SHRI MANIBHAI RAMJIBHAI CHAUDHARI :

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

(a) whether the Government are aware of the fact that M.B.B.S. doctors and other specialists of the country do not like to work in the rural areas;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to introduce a two years middle ring condensed course for the doctors working in rural areas so that rural people may not be deprived of medical facilities;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government are contemplating to lay the condition of three years rural area service before giving permission to do M.D. courses; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. Earlier short-term courses like Licentiate Medical Practitioner (LMP) was available. The Licentiate Medical Course has been discontinued from 22.1.1980 by the MCI with the approval of the Central Government.

(d) and (e) The State\UT Governments have been advised to consider introducing regional decentralised recruitment policy for doctors for filling up vacancies of doctors in rural areas and reserving a certain percentage of post graduate seats for Medical Officers who have put in two to three years service in rural areas.

PRS at Educational Institutions

2216. SHRI RUP CHAND MURMU : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to provide Public Relations Services in educational institutions;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps, if any, taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (c) Each Central University and Deemed University have post of a Public Relations Officer. Similarly, most State Universities too have posts of Public Relations Officers.

Tribute to Subhas Chandra Bose

2217. SHRI TARIT BARAN TOPDAR : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have taken any decision to pay tribute to Subhas Chandra Bose in his centenary year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government have decided to celebrate the birth centenary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose through year-long programmes and activities beginning from 23rd January, 1997. To mark the commencement of the celebrations, a public function was organised at the