

(e) if so, the action Government propose to take to improve the availability of ambulances in the hospitals ?

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

(b) In the news-item, shortage of ambulances in the Government Hospitals of Delhi and their poor condition has been alleged.

(c) The position in respect of Central Govt. hospitals is contained in a Statement at Annexure. The information in respect of hospitals under the control of Govt. of N.C.T. of Delhi is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

(d) and (e) No, Sir. Such patients are referred to other Government hospitals. Action is, however, taken immediately to get the defective machines repaired. The matter is reviewed as per instructions of the Govt. and old vehicles declared condemned and replaced by new vehicles.

Statement

Name of Hospital	Total No. of Ambulances	Ambulances out of order
Dr. R.M.L. Hospital	7 (including one hearse van)	2
Safdarjung Hospital	14	—
All India Institute of Medical Sciences	9	—
Smt. S.K. Hospital	2	—
Hospitals under Municipal Corporation of Delhi.	15	2

Indo-UK Collaboration

1487. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the steps taken by the Government to establish joint collaboration and cooperation with United Kingdom;

(b) the areas in which Indo-UK cooperation has been established;

(c) whether any pact has been signed for the purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) and (b) Government have actively supported, together with the Government of the United Kingdom, the steps taken by trade and industry in both countries to deepen their interaction in all areas of mutual interest. The Indo-British Partnership Initiative, launched in 1993 by the two Prime Ministers, was designed to do this, and has been successful in leading to a steady increase of bilateral trade, and of investment from the United Kingdom.

(c) In recent months, the only inter-governmental agreement signed with the United Kingdom has been an MOU on "cooperation in coal-related industries."

(d) The MOU establishes an Indo-British Coal Forum, which would be a partnership between the coal-related industries of the United Kingdom and India; it would be supported by the Governments and provide a link between them and industry. Several cooperative activities have been identified under the MOU.

Schemes of Kerala under AIBP

1488. SHRI N.K. PREMCHANDRAN : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Kerala have submitted any schemes for inclusion in Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme;

(b) if so, the names of such schemes;

(c) whether the Union Government have accorded sanction to the above schemes;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the time by which the same are likely to be sanctioned for implementation ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) to (e) The Government of Kerala had proposed inclusion of Kallada, Pamba, Muvattupuzha and Periyar Valley Projects for inclusion under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme. All these projects individually cost less than 1000 crores. Out of these, Central Loan Assistance of Rs. 5 crores has been approved for Kallada Project. While Pamba and Periyar Valley Projects are reported to have been completed, the expenditure incurred on Muvattupuzha is not substantial and therefore these could not be included under the programme.

World Bank Assistance

1489. SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of projects funded by World Bank and other international financial institutions during the last three years and funds sanctioned and actually utilised project-wise and result thereof;

(b) the details of progress made by standard norms on the ongoing projects, project-wise;

(c) the details of the new projects proposed for financial support of the World Bank/other international agencies, project-wise; and

(d) the present status of these projects ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.