

where 311 posts of doctors are lying vacant/ doctors are yet to be posted.

(d) As on 31st March, 1990 there were 2852 sub-centres and 1987 Primary Health canters as per the information provided by the State Government.

(e) and (f). Basic amenities are available in all these Health Centres, as informed by Punjab Government. Recruitment and posting of doctors are also being expedited.

(g) and (h). For every 4-5 villages there is a sub-centre, where basic amenities of family welfare including MCH services for new borns and mothers are available.

[English]

**Holding Back the Machinery by Jyoti Weaving Factory of (NTC) Calcutta**

9986. SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Jyoti Weaving Factory of the National Textile Corporation (WBABO) Limited, Calcutta has been still holding back the machine and equipment of some contractors since 1983;

(b) whether the corporation had decided to release those equipment to the contractors in or about June, 1986; and

(c) if so, action being taken to resolve the issue?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND

MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) No, sir.

(b) Yes, sir.

(c) The concerned contractor has been claiming rental charges for those equipments. Since the claim is untenable, as per terms of Contract, it has not been agreed to by NTC (WBABO) Ltd. The contractor has been requested to lift the equipments.

**Food Subsidy**

9987. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has recently been a quantum jump in the amount of food subsidies given to the Food Corporation of India;

(b) if so, the amount of subsidy given during the last three financial years;

(c) the percentage increase in the quantity of foodgrains supplied through the public distribution system (PDS) during the above period; and

(d) the steps being taken to limit the scope of PDS to the families below a certain income level and cut down such huge food subsidies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL): (a) and (b). The food subsidy released to the Food Corporation of India during the last 3 years is indicated below:—

Year	Amount of subsidy (Rs. in crores)
1987-88	2,000
1988-89	2,200
1989-90	2,476