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Equipment for Sir Sunderlal Hospital in BHU

7791. SHRI JAGDISH SINGH KUSHWAHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to equip the Sir Sunderlal Hospital in Banaras Hindu University with latest machinery for heart surgery; and

(b) if so the time by which it is likely to be done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) and (b). According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission and Banaras Hindu University, there is no proposal at present to provide Sir Sunderlal Hospital with equipment for Open Heart Surgery.

Protection to Adivasis

7792. SHRIGULABCHAND KATARIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to allow free use of forests to Adivasis to earn their livelihood; and

(b) if so, by what time?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) and (b). The National Forest Policy, 1988, has stipulated as below:

- (i) Minor Forest Produce provides sustenance to tribal population and to other communities residing in and around the forests. Such pro-

duce should be protected, improved and their production enhanced with due regard to generation of employment and income.

- (ii) Vesting in individuals, particularly from the weaker sections including tribals of certain ownership rights over trees could be considered subject to appropriate regulations; beneficiaries would be entitled to usufruct and would in turn be responsible for their security and maintenance.
- (iii) The rights and concessions from forests should primarily be for the bonafide use of the communities living within and around forest areas, specially the tribals.
- (iv) The life of tribals and other poor living within and near forests revolves around forests. The rights and concessions enjoyed by them should be fully protected. Their domestic requirements of fuelwood, fodder, minor forest produce and construction timber should be the first charge on forest produce. These and substitute materials should be made available through conveniently located depots at reasonable prices.

[*English*]

Purchase and Supply of Medicines to Anganwadi Workers

7793. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: SHRI RAM SAGAR (Saidpur):

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether as reported in Navbharat Times dated 22.3.1990 there has been a