(g) As far as Government of India are aware, there is no country where gynaecological tests are required to determine the virginity of any intending immigrant women.

Nuclear explosions for peaceful purpose

- *78. SHRI SANKAR GHOSE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that he is reported to have stated that 'it is Government's policy to undertake nuclear explosions for peaceful purposes' as published in a Bombay Weekly Magazine 'Blitz' dated 3rd February, 1979; and
- (b) if so what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ATAI. RIHARI VAJPAYEE): (a) and (b) In the 'Blitz' interview, I had reiterated Government's policy of using energy for peaceful purposes. Government remains committed to the reasearch, development and utilization of nuclear energy for all peaceful pur. poses, and if that would blasts or explosions they will be carried out. But Government will first need to be convinced that blasts or explosions are indeed necessary for peaceful purposes. This policy of the Government has been reiterated on several occasions.

Strike by the Doctors and other Empleyees of the A.I.I.M.S., New Delhi

•79. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH:

SHRI SITARAM KESRI: SHRI PRAKASH MEHROTRA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the doctors and other employees of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi and other hospitals in Delhi went on a strike recently for more than a week to press their demands:

- (b) if so what are the details of their demands:
- (c) whether Government have accepted their demands; and
- (d) if the reply to part(c) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RABIRAY): (a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix CVIII, Annexure No. 29.]

Reservation quotas for persons belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes in the Railways on Population basis

*80. SHRI PRASENJIT BARMAN: SHRIMATI PRATIMA BOSE: SHRI PHANINDRA NATH HANSDA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) what is the percentage of reservation quota fixed for recruitment of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes candidates in all the categories of posts in different Railways, the Railway Board, the Ministry of Railways, and other Railway establishments; and
- (b) whether the population figures of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes communities of the areas covered by each of the Zonal Railways and other Railway establishments were taken into account, while fixing the reservation quotas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) and (b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

India Statement

- (a) The details of the percentages of reservation in recruitment are given below:
 - (A) Recruitment on All India basis for class I, II and III where