

Japanese Economic Mission

643. { Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
Shri Koya:
Shri Maheshwar Naik:
Shrimati Renuka Barkataki:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Japanese Economic Mission headed by the President of the Industrial Bank of Japan recently visited New Delhi to explore possibility of increased Japanese participation in economic development schemes under the Fourth Plan; and

(b) if so, the results thereof?

The Minister of Finance (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) and (b) During their tour of the various countries of South-East Asia an Economic Mission sponsored by the Japan Productivity Centre visited India in February, 1965 and had general discussions with official and non-official organisations on matters concerning Indo-Japanese economic cooperation.

Smuggling at Calcutta

644. Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Calcutta Customs officials seized a packet of precious stones valued at about Rs. 50,000 from a passenger plane belonging to the Union of Burma Airways which arrived at Dum Dum from Rangoon on the 1st January, 1965; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in the matter?

The Finance Minister (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) Yes, Sir, except that the value of the precious stones is about Rs. 22,600 and not Rs. 50,000.

(b) The matter is under adjudication with the Customs Authorities at Calcutta.

Cholera in Kerala

645. Shri A. V. Raghavan: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether Cholera is still raging in many districts of Kerala;

(b) if so, the steps taken to bring the epidemic under control; and

(c) the number of deaths reported so far?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Out of 1005 suspected cases of cholera, 130 proved fatal.

Power Generation

646. { Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shrimati Renuka Barkataki:
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri Mohammad Elias:
Shri Daji:
Shri Indrajit Gupta:
Shri Ravindra Varma:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) the programme of generation of power system-wise and, statewise, in Fourth Plan; and

(b) the outlines of the requirement of coal grade-wise?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Dr. K. L. Rao): (a) The Statewise programme of power generation in the Fourth Plan has not yet been finalised.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

एकतरे

647. डा० महादेव प्रसाद : क्या स्वास्थ्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान विश्व स्वास्थ्य संगठन द्वारा दी गई इस चेतावनी

की ओर दिलाया गया है कि रोग निदान के लिए एक्स-रे का उपयोग करने से प्रायनीकारी विकिरण की आशंका रहती है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार की उस पर क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

स्वास्थ्य मंत्री (श्री० सुशीला नायर) :

(क) जी हां ।

(ख) (1) विकीर्ण संकट की संभावना वाली मशीनों को सुरक्षित रखा जाता है ताकि विकिरण बिखर न जाये । राज्य स्वास्थ्य निदेशालयों को एहतियाती सांझी उपायों के बारे में आवश्यक अनुदेश जारी किये जा चुके हैं जिनकी एक प्रति संलग्न है । [पुस्तकालय में रखा गया । बेसिए संख्या एल० टी० 3918/65] एक्सरे एक्कों पर काम करते हुये सीसे के परदे सीसे के दस्ताने, सीसे के एप्रन और रेडियो संवेदी बिल्ले जैसे एहतियाती, बरते जाते हैं । रक्त पैदा करने वाले भ्रूणवर्षों को क्षति तो नहीं पहुंच रही है यह देखने के लिये रक्त-परीक्षण भी किये जाते हैं ।

(2) बम्बई का परमाणु ऊर्जा विभाज विश्व स्वास्थ्य संगठन की सहायता से प्रशिक्षण पाठ्य-क्रम चला रहा है ।

Indus Commission

648. Shri Rameshwar Tantia: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indus Commission recently met in Rawalpindi to review matters relating to the implementation of the Indus Basin Treaty of 1960, and

(b) if so, the subjects discussed?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Dr. K. L. Rao): (a) and (b). Yes. The Sixteenth Meeting of the Permanent Indus Commission was held at Rawalpindi from 16th to 22nd February, 1965. The main subjects discussed at this meeting related to the

commencement of Phase II of the Transition Period and withdrawal of additional waters by India during the year 1965-66, preparation of Forms of Water-account for Phase II and the Hudiara Drain which crosses from India to Pakistan.

Infantile Mortality

649. Shrimati Maimoona Sultan: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that incidence of infantile mortality accounts for more than 50 per cent of the country's total mortality; and

(b) if so, whether any scheme has been drawn out to minimise infantile mortality which causes a big drain on the nation's resources?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) No. The percentage of infant mortality to total registered deaths during the year 1962 is 19.63 per cent. Computed infant mortality rate in India is 139 per 1,000.

(b) In order to further reduce this human wastage, it is proposed to strengthen the existing special services for mothers and children. In this connection, a statement is given below.

Statement

Expectant and nursing mothers and children are vulnerable sections of the community who have special health needs requiring continuous care and health supervision. It is proposed to strengthen the following existing programmes during the remaining period of the Third Five Year Plan and during the Fourth Five Year Plan:

1. Training of Health Visitors and Dais for strengthening Maternity and Child Health Centres and Primary Health Centres.
2. Registration of trained dais in order to eliminate the practice by untrained dais.
3. Supply of diet supplements like iron and calcium pills to