

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Finance (Shri B. R. Bhagat):** (a) 10-year Defence Certificates have been placed on sale at the Indian Missions in Britain and U.S.A. from 20th December 1962. Arrangements are also being made for their sale through the Commission for India in Hong Kong with effect from 1st March, 1963.

(b) It is as yet too early to assess the response to the scheme.

(c) Up to 6th February 1963, total sales amounted to Rs. 1.4 lakhs. Amount invested by foreigners is not known separately.

#### University Courses in Medicine

78. { Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah:  
Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:  
Shri Jagdev Singh  
Siddhanti:  
Shri Subodh Hansda:  
Shri S. C. Samanta:  
Shri B. K. Das:  
Shri Hem Barua:  
Shri P. R. Chakraverti:  
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:  
Shri Bhakt Darshan:  
Shri Sidheswar Prasad:  
Shri Ramshekhar  
Prasad Singh:  
Shri P. C. Borooah:

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to shorten the University courses in Medicine to meet the needs arising out of the National Emergency;

(b) whether Universities have been consulted in the matter; and

(c) if so, what is their reaction?

**The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar):** (a) to (c). The Government of India have recommended to the Universities the implementation of the revised Under-Graduate medical curriculum adopted by the Medical Council at its meeting held on

the 27th May, 1962. According to this revised curriculum the medical course will be of 4½ years' duration only. It will be followed by compulsory rotating housemanship of 12 months. This is a general recommendation of the Medical Council and not a measure arising out of the national emergency. The Medical Council has representatives of the Universities also on it and the measure has moreover been discussed at a meeting of the Heads of Institutions called by the Ministry of Health. The reduction of the period of the course has been effected by restricting the holidays and vacations and prescribing that the total number of full working days shall not be less than 250 days in a year. The Universities are generally likely to adopt the recommendation of the Medical Council although formal decisions are still awaited from them.

#### Power Failures in Delhi

- \*79. { Shri Yashpal Singh:  
Shri Bishanchander Seth:  
Shri Gokaran Prasad:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 473 on the 24th January, 1963 and state:

(a) whether the Damle Committee has submitted its report to Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, when it is likely to be submitted?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri Alagesan):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-813/63.]

(c) Does not arise.