

**Streamlining of Casualty and
Emergency Departments of Hospitals**

*684. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal to set up a Board to study the working of Hospital casualty departments in the big hospitals of the country's major towns and recommend measures for streamlining the casualty and emergency departments as well as to introduce efficiency in these departments; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposal?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) and (b). Yes. It has been decided to set up such a Committee. The terms of reference of the Committee would be:—

- (i) To review the organisation for rendering medical attention to casualties;
- (ii) To assess the casualty medical services in hospitals in the larger cities in the country; and
- (iii) To formulate recommendations for consideration of the Government of India.

Wheat Pact

*685. { **Shri Raghunath Singh:**
Shri Shree Narayan Das:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether India intends to join new wheat pact, and will sign the agreement in Washington upto 15th May, 1962?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food (Shri A. M. Thomas): Yes, Sir.

Central Warehouses

686. { **Shri Indrajit Gupta:**
Shri P. G. Sen:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) how many Central warehouses under the Central Warehousing Corporation are proposed to be constructed by the end of 1962;

(b) their location, State-wise and storage capacity of each;

(c) whether they will be used for storage of foodgrains only, or for buffer stocks of raw jute seed lac etc. also; and

(d) whether transport facilities are afforded to the foodgrain producers who intend to store their produce at these Central Warehouses of the country?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) and (b). Upto 31-3-1962, the Corporation had constructed or acquired at 12 centres godowns with a total capacity of 35700 tons. During 1962 Central Warehousing Corporation expects to complete the construction of warehouses at eight centres and to start construction at ten more centres. The details of these godowns are given in the statements placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 20].

(c) These warehouses will be utilised for storage of foodgrains as well as for other agricultural produce, e.g. seeds, jute, etc. but not lac.

(d) No, Sir.

Steel Foundry at Chittaranjan Locomotive Workshop

*687. **Shri Subodh Hansda:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a steel foundry is being established at the Chittaranjan Locomotive Workshop;