

every year for using private houses for the purposes of the Department;

(b) the total number of post and telegraph offices of different categories in Orissa and the total number of staff employed in them;

(c) whether all the employees have been provided with houses and offices in departmental buildings; and

(d) if not, since when this problem has been receiving the attention of the authorities and in how many years the Department propose to construct its own houses for the staff as well as the offices and how many have been taken in hand in the current year?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Bhagavati): (a) Rs. 2,11,687.00.

(b) 517 and 4,656 respectively.

(c) No. 143 employees have been provided with departmental quarters. 54 P. & T. offices are located in departmental buildings.

(d) The problem has been receiving attention since Independence but progress has been seriously hampered by shortage of funds. Sanction for construction of 119 units of staff quarters and construction and extension of 19 P. T. buildings has been accorded and the work will be taken up during this year.

Bridge on National Highway 47

164. Shri P. Kunhan: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated for the bridge at Mile 6½ of Palaghat Cochin Frontier Road on National Highway No. 47;

(b) whether the work has already been taken up; and

(c) if so, when it is likely to be completed?

The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) No

amount has yet been allocated for the bridge at Mile 6½ of Palaghat Cochin Frontier Road on National Highway No. 47, as the work is not included in the 3rd Plan, but steps are being taken to include the work in the current plan and to allocate necessary funds.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise at present.

Heart Disease

***165. { Shri M. N. Swamy:
Shri M. K. Kumaran:**

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Imperial Chemical Industries has invented a Drug which might help those who are prone to heart disease; and

(b) if so, whether any attempts have been made by Government to introduce the drug in the market for use in view of the alarming number of deaths?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) and (b). The Government of India have no information. A report appeared in the Press that the Imperial Chemical Industries have found a drug which might help persons suffering from heart diseases. The drug has not undergone even the preliminary clinical trials and so the question of putting it in the market does not arise.

Renovation of Bateshwar Ghats at Agra

166. Shri S. N. Chaturvedi: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Water and Power Commission examined a proposal for the renovation and reconstruction of the Bateshwar Ghats in Agra District (U.P.) to be taken up in Third Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, whether the scheme was approved, and whether there is any